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CHAPTER 429
AN ISLAND FOR OUTSOURCING



THEY WILL BET...

THEY WILL...

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AIR...

Bios

IN THE WATER...

AIR POKER...

GOING TO GET IN THE WATER?

ARE THEY

TELL ME WHY SUCH AN INSTALLATION WOULD EXIST ON THIS ISLAND?

BUT... CAN SOMEONE

THEY'LL DRAIN THE WATER FIRST!!

HOW DO YOU GET IN WHEN IT'S FULL OF WATER ALREADY!?

WHAT'S THAT, PERPES-SAN?

HUH?

SO THE RUMOR WAS REAL...

SO...

...

GUANTA-NAMO BAY DETENTION CAMP...

FOR WHAT REASON WOULD SOMEONE BUILD THIS...

IS THE ORIGIN OF THIS ISLAND. THE REASON FOR ITS EXISTENCE.

WE COULD SAY THAT THIS INSTALLATION ITSELF

BEING OUTSOURCED AS A TORTURE FACILITY.

THIS ISLAND WAS

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AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS.

TORTURE IS

BOTH STRICTLY FORBID TORTURE AS ILLEGAL.

THE "GENEVA CONVEN-TIONS".

AND THE "UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE",

TOR-TURE?

OUT-SOURCING?

WHERE INTERNA-TIONAL RELATIONS WITH AMERICA HAVE BEEN BROKEN.

LOCATED IN CUBA,

GUANTANAMO BAY DETENTION CAMP...

GUANTANAMO

HAVE BEEN SECRETLY CONDUCTING INHUMAN TORTURE THERE.

AMERICA, WHILE PUBLICLY BRANDISHING THE STANCE OF STRICTLY FORBIDDING TORTURE.

UNDER THE PRETENSE THAT CUBA ISN'T UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAWS OF THE UN.

WAS MADE TO BE A PLACE TO OUTSOURCE ACTS OF TORTURE.

THIS ISLAND,

HIDDEN BEHIND THE CANCEL-LATION OF MAKING IT A RESORT ISLAND.

THIS IS THE SECRET TRUTH...

VICTIMS...

WHO WERE SACRIFICED ON THIS ISLAND...

ALL THOSE...

I CAN SEE THEM.

WHICH ARE STILL WANDERING, CLINGING TO THIS ISLAND.

THEIR NIGHT-MARES.

IT'S A SUITABLE LOCATION FOR THE LAST BATTLE,

AND A SUITABLE GAMBLE HAS ALSO BEEN PREPARED FOR IT.

THE ONE WHO LOSES TO THIS NIGHT-MARE,

WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO STAY ALIVE, WOULD HE?

IN MY ENTIRE LIFE, I HAVE NEVER SEEN A DREAM EVEN ONCE.

OF COURSE, THAT INCLUDES... NIGHTMARES TOO.

THEN,

THIS SHALL BE MY VICTORY.

WOULDN'T YOU NOT REALIZE IT UNTIL YOU WAKE UP?

THE NIGHTMARE THAT'S CURRENTLY BEFORE YOUR EYES.

FOR You.

THIS WOULD ACTUALLY BE THE MOMENT WHERE YOU WOULD LOVE TO WAKE UP FROM A NIGHTMARE. ISN'T IT?

HA...

HAHA.

THEN, LALO...

WE WILL NOW GATHER YOUR WAGER, ARATA'S VEST, AND THE "REASONS" FOR WHY RYUUSEI IS YOUR HOSTAGE.

ODO

SHION... TAKE THE WATER OUT.

ROGER !!

PLEASE GET IN AND

PREPARE YOURSELVES.

UNTIL THEN, BOTH OF YOU,

WHY?

WHY ARE THEY FIGHTING?

GOING IN THERE!

THEY'RE REALLY...

BAKU-SAN...

MADARA-ME...

MA...

MADARA-ME...

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MADARAME. MADARAME!

YOU WILL...

WIN, RIGHT ...?

BAKU-SAN,

HAHA...

WATCH BAKU-SAN'S MATCH

I'D BE ABLE TO

I THOUGHT

I'D BE CLOSER —

I THOUGHT

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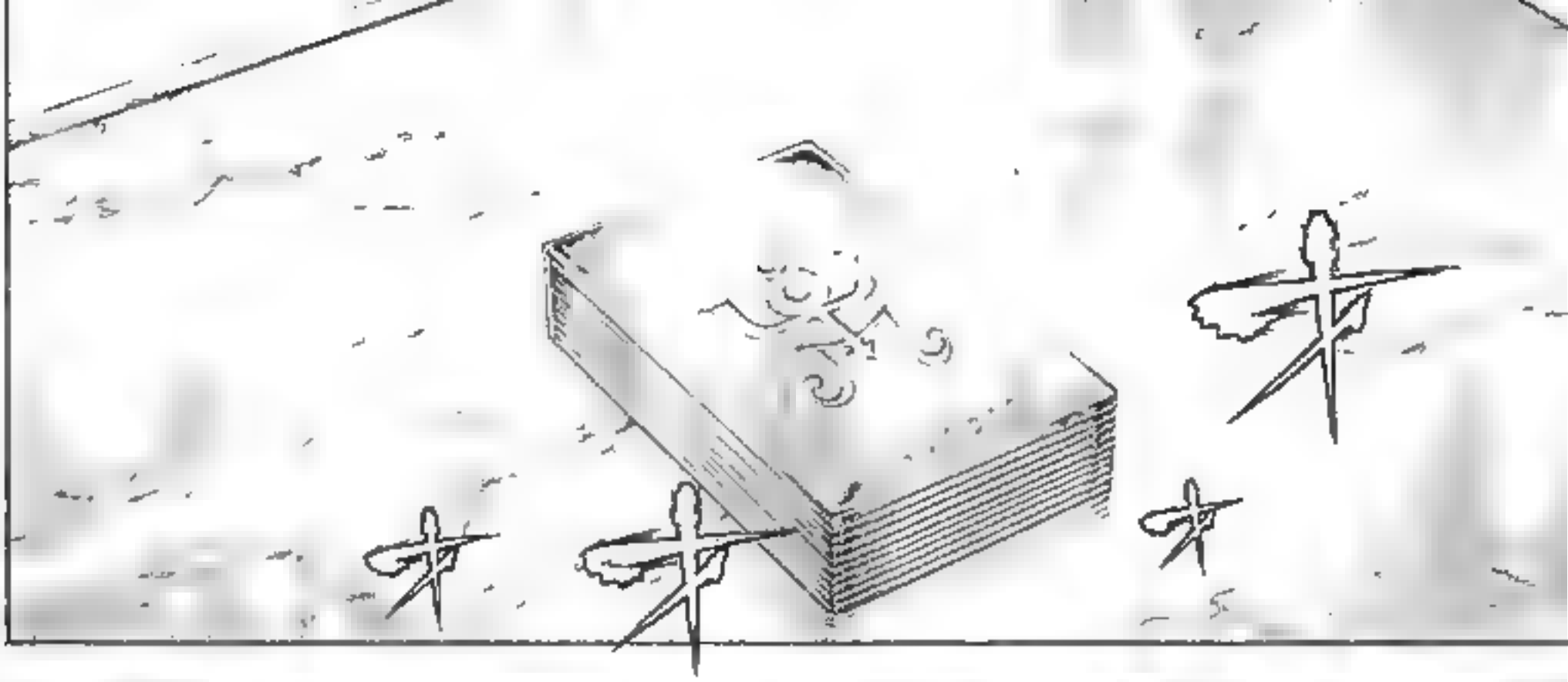
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AT

HIS SIDE...




HAVE A SEAT, BOTH OF YOU.
THEN PLEASE,

A CEILING HATCH...

THAT'S WHERE THAT REFEREE IS...

SO THERE'S ANOTHER ROOM ABOVE...

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SORRY FOR THE WAIT.

ARE THE CHIPS OK HERE?

OK?

IT'S OK.

WE WILL PROVIDE

25 TO EACH OF YOU.

FOR YOU TWO, THOSE AIR-CHIPS ARE

"LIFE".

WE'LL CALL THESE CHIPS OF LIFE, AIR-BIOS.

WE'RE LOOKING AT AROUND 80 LITERS OF PRESSURIZED AIR.

INSIDE ONE AIR-BIOS,

BUT YOU CAN ESTIMATE THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO BREATHE FOR AROUND **5 MINUTES** WITH ONE.

OF COURSE, THERE WILL BE VARIATIONS DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL.

YOU'LL BE USING THOSE TO BREATHE.

WILL ALSO BE THE CHIPS YOU USE TO BET.

AND THESE AIR-BIOS,

WELL. IN SUCH A CASE, YOU WILL DIE, FROM DROWNING IN THE WATER..

BUBBLING

"AH, I EVEN LOST MY LAST AIR-BIOS."

BE CAREFUL!!


THIS GAME
WILL NOT END
UNTIL ONE OF YOU TWO DROWNS AND DIES.

LOSING EQUALS DEATH.

IN THIS GAME,

THE ONE WHO DIES WILL BE THE LOSER.

CHAPTER 430

WHAT IS DROWNING?

DIE.

NO EXCEP-TIONS,

ONE OF YOU TWO WILL DEFINITELY LOSE AND

WE FIRST NEED TO DEFINE THE MECHANISM BEHIND A DEATH BY DROWNING.

SO, HOW WILL WE DEFINE DEATH IN THIS GAME?

DROWN-ING?

WHAT IS

5TH, ARREST.

4TH, TERMIN-ATION.

3RD, RELAX-ATION.

2ND, TURNING PURPLE.

1ST, PANIC.

LET'S EXPLAIN IT THROUGH THESE 5 DIFFERENT STAGES.

AND WE THEN FALL INTO

A STATE OF TREMENDOUS PANIC.

WHEN EVEN A SMALL AMOUNT OF WATER ENTERS THE RESPIRATORY TRACT,

EVEN THOUGH WE WANT TO BREATHE SO BADLY.

OUR BODY RESPONDS BY STOPPING ALL BREATHING,

BECOMING FILLED WITH WATER.

THEN, THE LUNGS END UP

THE 1ST STAGE, PANIC.

THIS IS

THE SKIN BECOMES PURPLE (CYANOSIS).

THE RESPIRATORY ARREST CONTINUES.

AND THE AMOUNT OF CO_2 IN THE BLOOD INCREASES RAPIDLY

AND THE BODY

YES, THIS IS THE MOST PAINFUL STAGE OUT OF ALL THE STAGES!!

IT LOOKS PAINFUL WHEN SOMEONE'S DROWNING, RIGHT?

THIS IS THE 2ND STAGE, TURNING PURPLE.

GETS THROWN INTO HARD CONVULSIONS

THIS IS THE 3RD STAGE, RELAXATION.

FOLLOWING UP IS THE LOSS OF CONSCIOUS-NESS.

LOSING ALL THE STRENGTH IN YOUR BODY.

LIKE A SLOWLY WAVERING CORPSE.

THE PUPILS BECOME DILATED AND LOSE THEIR ABILITY TO REACT TO LIGHT.

UP TO THIS STAGE HOWEVER, THERE'S STILL A DECENT CHANCE OF SUCCESS OF BEING RESUSCITATED.

THEN, ONCE AGAIN,

RELAX-ATION.

THIS IS THE 4TH STAGE, TERMINATION.

A STRONG AND PROFOUND GASPING OCCURS.

SUDDENLY,

IT'S AS IF ONE GETS BACK HIS CONS-CIOUSNESS!!

WHEN THE CONVULSIONS END,

THEN...

AND THE RESPIRATORY FUNCTIONS ALSO END...

AND FINALLY,

WILL GRADUALLY BECOME WEAKER.

THOSE MOVE-MENTS TOO,

AND THIS IS THE FINAL STAGE, ARREST.

CARDIAC ARREST.

SUCH A THING...?

SUCH..

DROWN-ING...

IS...

...

AND IT'S QUITE THE HURDLE TO CONFIRM THE CARDIAC ARREST ITSELF.

THEREFORE,

TO GO ALL THE WAY TO THE FINAL STAGE, ARREST CAN TAKE FROM 1 TO 15 MINUTES DEPENDING ON THE PERSON.

BUT,

THE BODY WILL END UP FLOATING AWAY FROM THE CHAIR...

DUE TO THE RELAXATION OF THE MUSCLES.

THE 3RD STAGE, RELAXATION.

IN THIS AIR POKER, WE'LL DEFINE DEATH AS

AND PLACE THE LIMIT AT 10 SECONDS. EXCEEDING THE TIME LIMIT WILL...

WE'LL BEGIN COUNTING AT THE MOMENT THE BODY LEAVES THE CHAIR.

THE WINNER WILL

RISE, FREED FROM THEIR CUFFS.

END UP OPENING THE LOCKER IN FRONT OF THE OPPONENT WHERE WE PLACED THE CUFF'S KEY.

AND WILL BE ABLE TO BREATH IN THE SPACE WITHOUT WATER AT THE TOP.

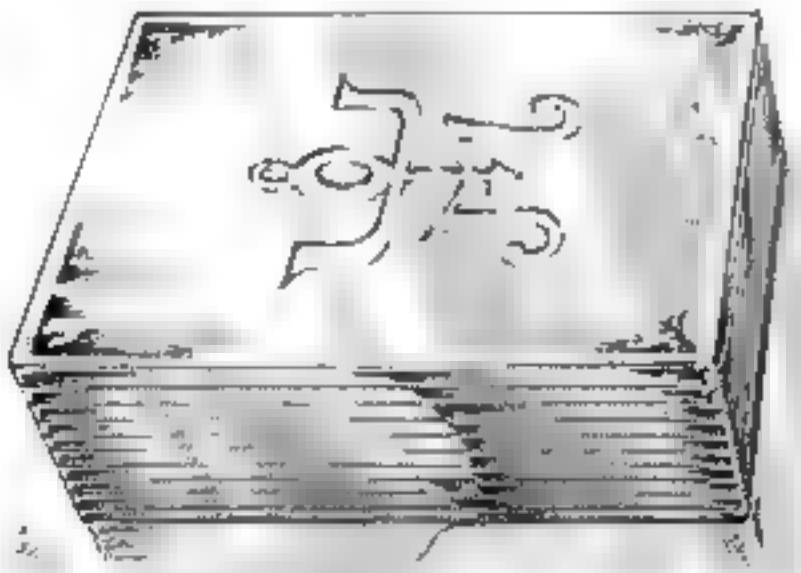
LEAVING THE CHAIR FOR 10 SECONDS WILL

AUTOMATICALLY RESULT IN THE OPPONENT'S WIN.

PLEASE KEEP THAT IN MIND.

PLEASE LOOK AT THE TABLE IN FRONT OF YOU.

METAL CARDS SHOULD BE PLACED THERE.



THEN,

THERE ARE



10 CARDS IN TOTAL.

USING THE "1,000 BIOS" MONEY FROM PROTOPOROS AS A TEMPLATE,



WE REQUESTED THE DEVELOPERS TO PRINT



A SPECIAL EDITION OF THEM SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS GAME.

PLAY CARDS EVEN IN THE WATER.

WITH THESE CARDS, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO

TAKE TURNS DRAWING THE CARDS ONE BY ONE.

THEN, PLEASE DECIDE BETWEEN YOURSELVES WHO WILL DRAW FIRST AND

THANKS.

...

...

PLEASE.




BUT.... THERE ARE ONLY 10 CARDS...? HOW ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO PLAY WITH ONLY 10 CARDS...?
POKER, WITH 5 CARDS EACH.
MEANING THERE WON'T BE ANY CARD CHANGES?

THE GAMBLE IS SIMPLE,

1 CARD

VS

1 CARD.

THE *ANTE IS 1 AIR-BIOS.

FIRST OF ALL,

BOTH OF YOU WILL SHOW YOUR CARDS

BET YOUR AIR-BIOS DURING THE BETTING PHASE.

AND THEN

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JUST WITH ONE CARD, NOT FIVE!?

AND THEN THE RESULT WILL BE REVEALED.

*ANTE: A POKER TERM FOR A FORCED BET THAT ALL PLAYERS HAVE TO MAKE AT THE START OF EVERY ROUND.

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YOU BOTH HAVE 5 CARDS,

MEANING, YOU CAN HAVE A MAXIMUM OF FIVE ROUNDS.

TO A MAXIMUM OF 5 AIR-BIOS IN THE 5TH ROUND.

WILL GRADUALLY INCREASE BY 1 AIR-BIOS EACH ROUND

AND, THE ANTE

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ONCE ONE OF YOU ENDS UP IN THE 3RD STAGE, RELAXATION.

THE GAME WILL END

YOU HAVE 25 AIR-BIOS TO BOTH BREATHE AND BET.

MAY I?

OF COURSE.

AH,

I'LL MOVE ON TO THE DETAILED EXPLANATIONS OF THE GAME.

INDEED

WE DO NOT PLACE THE BETS BEFORE SHOWING OUR CARDS LIKE HOW IT USUALLY IS. BUT AFTER?

THAT WASN'T A MISTAKE, RIGHT?

JUST NOW,

YOU SAID WE'LL PLACE OUR BETS AFTER SHOWING OUR CARDS, RIGHT?

BOTH PLAYERS' CARDS?

WHO WOULD BET AFTER CONFIRMING

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF SUCH A BET?

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT...

!

WE GOT THE CONFIRMATION FROM REFEREE KADOKURA...

!

REFEREE NOWA,

CLACK CLACK

HE FOUND AT THE INDICATED PLACE...

ARATA'S VEST AND RYUUSEI'S FRIENDS.

WE WILL NOW START POURING THE WATER IN.

AS THE PREPARATIONS ARE NOW COMPLETE,

!

THEN,

DO NOT WORRY. THE WINNER IS NOT DECIDED...

BOTH OF YOU,

!!

THIS... THIS CARD IS...

EVEN AT THE MOMENT YOU BOTH SHOW YOUR CARDS.

PANOPTICON PRISON

CHAPTER 431

WITHIN THE SILENCE

THIS CARD IS...

THERE ARE NOT TRADITIONAL PLAYING CARDS ..

IT HAS NO SUIT...

THIS NUMBER...

THIS THICKNESS ...

... HUH?

WHAT ABOUT

THE OTHERS?



YOU WILL PLAY UP TO 5 ROUNDS.

1 CARD VS 1 CARD.

USING THESE CARDS,

IN "THE ART OF WAR (BY SUN TZU)", IT'S SAID THAT "A FIGHT IS WON BEFORE IT EVEN BEGINS". BUT, THIS GAME IS DIFFERENT.

THE FIGHT WILL BE DECIDED

AFTER THE CARDS ARE SHOWN, AND YOU BOTH HAVE PLACED YOUR BETS AND CALLS.

THROUGH A VERY SPECIFIC MANNER.

SO THEY'RE GONNA HAVE TO FIND OUT BY THEMSELVES...

JUST HOW...

...

NO ONE KNOWS WHICH CARD IS STRONGER...?

WHAT KIND OF GAMBLE IS THIS?

INDEED.

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY INTENTION OF TELLING US HOW IT'LL WORK, REFEREE NOWA.

CAN BE "CONJECTURED" BY A CERTAIN "LAW". I'LL TELL YOU THAT MUCH.

WHETHER YOUR CARD WINS OR LOSES...

AFTER ALL, THIS ISN'T THE KIND OF LAW AN AVERAGE PERSON CAN RESOLVE, AND...

HOWEVER, BETTING THROUGH SHEER LUCK CAN ALSO BE A WAY TO ENJOY THIS GAME... NO, THAT MIGHT BE A SAFER WAY TO PLAY IT...

WOULD ONLY TAKE YOU DEEPER INTO THE NIGHT-MARE.

RESOL-VING IT

BO HOHO...

HO...

WOULD ONLY FURTHER THE NIGHTMARE, HUH.

EVEN RESOL VING IT

QUITE THE NICE

INTIMID-ATION.

WE SHALL NOW BEGIN. PLEASE PREPARE THE REGULATOR AT YOUR FEET. CONNECT IT TO ONE OF THE AIR-BIOS WHILE WE POUR IN THE WATER.

ONLY A FEW PEOPLE

CAN MAKE THAT "LAW" THEIR ALLY.

NOW,

THE WAGERS HAVE

ALREADY BEEN COLLECTED BY US.

AS THE WATER POURS.

LET ME NOW EXPLAIN THE SMALLER DETAILS OF THIS GAME

CANNOT BE REUSED AS EITHER AN ANTE OR A BET.

THE AIR-BIOS THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN USED FOR BREATHING

IN THE 1ST ROUND. THE SMALLER NUMBER BETS FIRST THEN. FOR ALL THE FOLLOWING ROUNDS. YOU WILL TAKE TURNS IN BETTING FIRST

BETTING FIRST

FOLLOWING UP IS THE BETTING PHASE.

MEANING. THE LIMIT OF THE 1ST BET IS HALF OF THAT. 1 AIR-BIOS.

THE POT STARTS AT 2 AIR-BIOS FROM ANTES IN THE 1ST ROUND.

2 AIR-BIOS

THE MAXIMUM BET LIMIT IS SET AT HALF THE AIR-BIOS IN THE *POT.

30 SECONDS

THE TIME LIMIT FOR PLACING YOUR BETS IS 30 SECONDS.

NEXT IS THE "CALAMITY".

*POT: A POKER TERM FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHIPS BEING WAGERED IN THAT ROUND.

AN ACCIDENT THAT COULD BE CALLED A "CALAMITY" WILL STRIKE DOWN THE LOSING PLAYER.

WHEN YOU LOSE IN A SPECIFIC WAY.

YOU'RE BEING QUITE PECULIAR, YAKOU...

TO THINK YOU'D RATHER BE HERE WITH US AT THIS BAD SEAT,

OF COURSE.

INSTEAD OF ENJOYING THE WHOLE SHOW IN THE UPPER MONITORING ROOM...

PLEASE THINK OF IT AS AN OUTCOME OF THE "LAW" FROM BEFORE.

WHEN THE CALAMITY HAPPENS, THE PLAYER WHO LOSES WILL HAVE TO

FORFEIT THE SAME AMOUNT OF AIR-BIOS THAT HE BET IN THAT ROUND BY RELEASING THEM INTO THE WATER

FIGHT TOGETHER WITH USOGUI.

I WILL STAND AT THE SAME HEIGHT AND

TO THE OPPO-NENT'S CUFFS!!

WE WILL RELEASE THE KEY

AN INSTANT DEFEAT.

OR ANY SIMILAR ACTIONS, WILL OF COURSE END UP IN

DELAY-ING THE GAME.

NOT PAYING THE WAGED AIR-BIOS.

ALSO, ANY VIOLENCE,

AL-RIGHT,

KAKEROU MATCH

"AIR POKER"

START-ING NOW,

IDEAL

VINCENT LALO VS MADARAME BAKU

USOGUI

THE GAME

IS ON!!

OF COURSE NOT!

OF

DIE BY DROWN-ING!?

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SOMEONE DIE BY DROWN.NG?

SE-

BAKU-SAN ..

SERIOUS-LY!?

FROM ALL THAT NOISE... TO SUDDENLY, QUIETNESS...

A SILENT CONCENTRATION.

FELL INTO

HE DEEPLY

NOW,

.....

PLEASE PLACE THE ANTE. 1-AIR BIOS. ON THE TABLE...

THE ENEMY...

THE LAW,

THE CARDS,

SO MANY THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

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STARTING THE

WHEN

WAS STILL GIVING THEM BUOYANCY.

THE AIR IN THE SEAMS OF THE BACK OF THEIR SUITS

THEIR BEHA-VIORS_

COUNT-DOWN!!

INHALE

EXHALE

IN OTHER WORDS, ONE CAN STAND UP FOR 9 SECONDS.

THE RULE OF INSTANT DEFEAT APPLIES WHEN ONE LEAVES THE CHAIR FOR MORE THAN 10 SECONDS.

HE TARGETED THAT SMALL OPPORTUNITY WHERE HE COULD REACH FOR AIR, JUST BEFORE THE WATER RISES TO THE TOP...

HE PLANS ON GETTING THE MOST OUT OF IT UNTIL THE LIMIT.

CRACK

KU!

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...WERE ALREADY DIFFERENT.

HERE LIES AN UNMISTAK-ABLE TRUTH.

BUT,

NO ONE KNOWS WHAT THIS WILL LEAD TO.

BUT LALO HAS RETAINED MORE OXYGEN THAN USOGUL.

IT WAS JUST A LITTLE BIT,

WILL

GREATLY INFLUENCE THIS GAMBLE LATER ON.

THIS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM

THIS BEHAVIOR.

ONCE YOU OPEN YOUR EYES IN THE WATER,

EVEN BREA-THING FEELS DIFFI-CULT.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S QUIET,

IT WAS NOT COMP-LETELY SILENT.

A FEW MORE RESPIRATIONS ...

LALO GAINED

LALO CHOSE TO GAIN A FEW MORE BREATHS, AND CREATED A GAP BETWEEN THEM ALREADY!!

UNLIKE USOGUI, WHO STARTED FOCUSING IMMEDI-ATELY,

PLEASE PAY THE ANTE OF 1 AIR-BIOS.

NOW,

IT FEELS LIKE EVEN THAT SMALL NOISE

FADES AWAY TOO.

CHAPTER 432

THE FIRST ROUND

"AIR POKER"

KAKEROU MATCH

GAME RULES

FORBIDDEN CONDUCTS

VIOLENCE, OR UNWILLINGNESS TO GIVE AIR-BIOS, NOT RESPECTING THE LIMITED TIME, OR NOT LISTEN TO THE REFEREES' ORDERS, ANY BEHAVIOR JUDGED TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO GET IN THE WAY OF THE GAME WILL RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE LOSS.

THE DEFINITION OF WHO WINS AND LOSES

ANY PLAYER WHO LEAVES THE CHAIR FOR MORE THAN 10 SECONDS LOSES. THE OPPONENT WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE KEY TO FREE HIMSELF.

AFTER THE 5TH ROUND ENDS, OR IN THE CASE WHERE A PLAYER CANNOT AFFORD THE ANTE ANYMORE, THE GAME CONTINUES UNTIL ONE PLAYER LEAVES THE CHAIR, DUE TO HAVING NO MORE AIR-BIOS. IN OTHER WORDS, UNTIL ONE PLAYER ENDS UP DROWNING.

CALAMITY

IN THE CASE OF A "SPECIAL WAY OF LOSING", THE LOSER MUST RELEASE THE AIR OF HIS AIR-BIOS, ACCORDING TO THE SAME NUMBER OF AIR-BIOS THAT HE BET THAT ROUND.

ANY AIR-BIOS, WHICH ISN'T FULL DUE TO THINGS LIKE BREATHING, CANNOT BE USED ANYMORE AS AN ANTE OR A BET.

THE MAXIMUM BET LIMIT IS SET TO THE BALANCE OF THE PLAYER WITH LESS AIR-BIOS.

ANTE

THE ANTE INCREASES BY 1 AIR-BIOS EVERY ROUND.

BET

THE FIRST BET ALTERNATIVE BETWEEN PLAYERS AFTER EACH TIME ROUND. A BET MUST BE DONE IF UNDER IS RECEIVED, AND A RAISE CAN ONLY GO UP TO HALF OF THE TOTAL POT.

BREATHING: THE 1ST AIR-BIOS

ANTE: 1 AIR-BIOS

23 AIR-BIOS LEFT

BREATHING: THE 1ST AIR-BIOS

ANTE: 1 AIR-BIOS

23 AIR-BIOS LEFT

CHAPTER 432
THE FIRST ROUND

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD OF SUCH A RULE.

WHAT'S THAT?

THIS IS JUST A PERSONAL UNIT I USE TO JUDGE THE VALUE OF PEOPLE.

NO, NO,

1 SP?

NO WAY AROUND IT... I'LL GIVE 1 SP TO LALO.

TO BE USED IN THE FIRST OF YOUR FIVE ROUNDS~

NOW~ PLEASE SELECT THE FIRST CARD...

THE "S" FROM "SP" COMES FROM MY NAME, SHION. THEY ARE BASICALLY SHION POINTS.

25 45 26 36 39

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THAT THE UPCOMING GAMES WILL BE...

GREATLY INFLUENCED BY THE ORDER YOU USE YOUR CARDS.

EVEN IF YOU SAY SO,

THERE'S NOTHING TO THINK ABOUT RIGHT NOW.....

ALSO NOTHING THAT WE CAN DETERMINE AT THIS MOMENT.

MULTIPLI-CATION ? I DO NOT KNOW.

DOES IT USE DIVISION?

THE SMALLER ONE?

THE BIGGER ONE?

WHICH IS STRON-GER?

OF THOSE NUMBERS ?

WHAT IS THE MEANING

CARD

SELECTED

BA... BAKU-SAN...

HE... HE FINALLY STARTED BREATHING.

THIS IS NOT LIKE BEING AS STILL AS POSSIBLE, AS IF YOU'RE TRYING TO BEAT A BREATH-HOLDING RECORD.

THAT WITHIN THE WATER. DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

THINK-ING IS NOT FREE.

ACTUALLY REQUIRES OXYGEN.

THE ACT OF THINK-ING

THERE IS STILL NOT A SINGLE RESULT OF

WHICH COMBINATION OF CARDS CAUSES A WIN OR A LOSS.

...

TO THINK OVER AND OVER ABOUT SOMETHING THAT YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT

THERE'S NOTHING MORE USELESS THAN

THINKING WILL ONLY WASTE YOUR OXYGEN.

MEANING, FOR THIS IST ROUND ONLY,

LALO UNDERSTOOD IT.

THINKING ISN'T REQUIRED AT ALL IN THE IST ROUND. IN OTHER WORDS, THIS ROUND IS...

THEN, PLEASE SHOW YOUR CARDS.

DON'T THINK...

WITHIN THE WATER,

IT'S A LIMITED ACT.

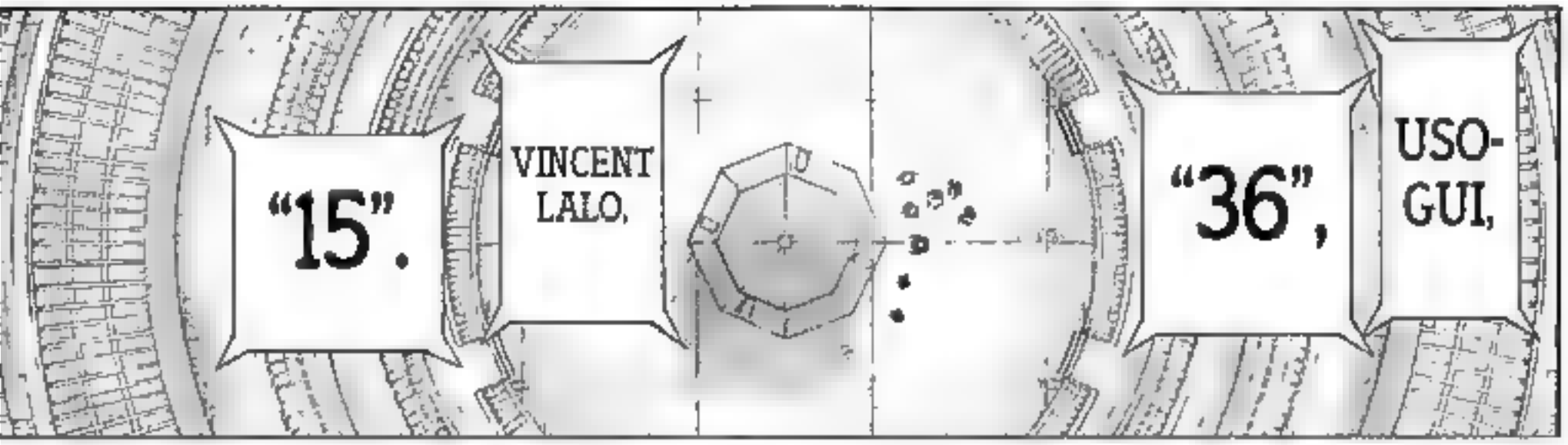
THE SIMPLE ACT OF THINKING REDUCES ONE'S OWN LIFE.

OF LUCK.



THE 1ST ROUND





THEN, THE BET WILL START WITH VINCENT LALO, WHO HAS THE SMALLER NUMBER.


FIRST, IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE MYSTERY BEHIND THOSE NUMBERS, THE FIRST ROUND SHOULD
BE ONE WHERE BOTH PLAYERS LIMIT THE RISK TO A MINIMUM. JUST TO LOOK AT THE FIRST RESULT.
"36"
VS
"15".
IS THE SMALLER ONE STRON-GER?
WHICH ONE WILL WIN ..? HONESTLY SPEAKING, I DO NOT KNOW...
VINCENT LALO
23 AIR-BIOS
MADARAME BAKU
23 AIR-BIOS

22
AIR-BIOS LEFT

BET 1

ANTE

WHAT A VILE MAN .. THIS SHOULD BE A ROUND WHERE BOTH PLAYERS WOULD WANT TO SEE THE RESULT WITH ANTES ONLY.

I AIR-BIOS IS 5 MINUTES OF BREATHING, ISN'T IT?

HE... HE BET!!

HE CAN'T FOLD, RIGHT?

BUT, NOW,

RAISE EVEN MORE... OR FOLD.

UH... RIGHT NOW, MADARAME CAN CALL BY PLACING 1 AIR-BIOS OR,

HE'LL JUST LOSE 1 AIR-BIOS WITHOUT EVEN GRASPING ANYTHING.

HE CAN'T, RIGHT? FOLDING IS THE SAME AS GIVING UP.

HUH?

ANY HINT ON THE MEANING BEHIND THOSE MYSTERIOUS NUMBERS.

THE FIRST ROUND WILL END WITHOUT

MOREOVER, SINCE THE CARDS RESULT WILL NOT BE SHOWN,

IS THAT MAN

VINCENT LALO...

WITH USOGUI...?

TRYING TO PLAY MIND GAMES

1 AIR-BIOS

CALL

22 AIR-BIOS LEFT

RAISE TO THE LIMIT,
2
AIR-BIOS

RAISE

20
AIR-BIOS
LEFT

THE FIRE

HAS BEEN LIT.

CALL, RAISE

RAISE TO THE LIMIT, 4 AIR-BIOS

CALL, 2 AIR-BIOS

16 AIR-BIOS LEFT

CALL

RAISE

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WHAT...? THAT GUY...

I THOUGHT HE WAS TRYING TO KEEP AS MUCH OXYGEN AS POSSIBLE. THAT AGGRESSIVE NESS ..

UNLIKE LALO, WHO'S SO AGGRESSIVE... USOGUI GENERALLY ISN'T THE TYPE TO LEAVE A GAMBLE TO HIS LUCKY STAR...

THE AMOUNT OF AIR-BIOS THEY'VE BET

IS THE VALUE EACH PERSON PLACED ON THEIR "LUCK".

DON'T TELL ME

THAT

THE LAW OF THE NUMBERS ...?

HE HAS ALREADY RESOLVED

THE FIGHT MIGHT JUST END IN THE 1ST ROUND LIKE THAT...

SIX... 16 AIR-BIOS...

AND IF LALO ACCEPTS THE FIGHT, THEY'LL BOTH END UP BETTING 16 AIR-BIOS!

IF MADARAME CALLS AND RAISES TO THE LIMIT AGAIN...

IF...

THIS 1ST ROUND IS

MOST COMPATIBLE WITH LUCK...?

CAN THEY GRASP THE THING

IT'S NOT ONLY LUCK.

KU...

THE 1ST ROUND OF LUCK AND BLUFFING.

STARTED BREATHING THE 2ND AIR-BIOS

19 AIR-BIOS LEFT

AL- ALREADY !?

!?

?

!

CHAPTER 433

SAFE ZONE

HIS OXYGEN...

WAIT... WAIT A SECOND...

HUH?

WHAT IS MADARAME DOING...?

BAKU-SAN CHANGED HIS AIR FIRST...

IS OUT ALREADY!?

STARTED BREATHING THE 2ND AIR-BIOS

BREATHING THE 1ST AIR-BIOS

CHAPTER 433
SAFE ZONE

IF HE WINS, SUCH A GAP CAN BE FILLED AND THE TABLES WILL BE TURNED EASILY.

IT'S NOT A BIG GAP.

THE DIFFER ENCE IS ALREADY SHOWING

WIN, YOU SAID~!?

ISN'T THIS... BAD?

OR HOW STRONG "36" IS!!

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHICH ONE IS STRONGER.

"36" AND "15",

IS ALSO A STRATEGY.

IN POKER, GIVING PRESSURE TO THE OPPONENT BY CONTINUING TO RAISE THE BET REGARDLESS OF WHAT CARDS YOU HAVE

IS THE SAME... IT'S A COMPLETE BLUFF WITHOUT ANY BASIS.

AND THE SITUATION RIGHT NOW

Y- YEAH!

YET, MADARAME STILL BET 4 AIR-BIOS... ABOUT 20 MINUTES OF AIR IN THIS ROUND!!

THERE'LL DEFINITELY BE A WINNER.

BUT,

RAISE

LALO, BET 8 AIR-BIOS

BAKU, BET 4 AIR-BIOS

RAISE AGAIN, OF COURSE. BOHOHO.

CALL...

HE RAISED 4 IF I WAS HIM, I'D FOLD.

THE POINT IS NOT LUCK... BUT HOW TO AVOID MISTAKES...

IN THE 1ST ROUND,

CALL

CALL, 4 AIR-BIOS

15 AIR-BIOS LEFT


FIGHTING SPIRIT
IS LIKE FIRE.

WILL HE STOP... OR RAISE THE BET?

HE... HE CALLED...

IT'S ESSENTIAL, JUST LIKE FIRE.

BUT,

JUST LIKE FIRE.

IT'S ALSO DANGE-ROUS,

嗅覚いる。

BJ

CAN YOU STILL SMILE

EVEN IF YOU

CAN YOU KEEP THAT SMILE ON YOUR FACE?

HOW MUCH LONGER

THAT GUY MUST BE HAVING A PANIC ATTACK RIGHT NOW.

RAISE THE BET TO THE LIMIT AGAIN!?

TIME'S UP.

ONLY A CALL.

REFEREE NOWA...

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トン

IN THE 1ST ROUND,

WE'LL NOW JUDGE THE RESULT.

BOTH SIDES BET 8 BIOS.

USOGUI...

!

"NEITHER OF THEM MADE ANY MISTAKES".

A MISTAKE WAS MADE BY USOGUI...

WELL, THAT'S HOW THE 1ST ROUND SHOULD BE.

PLEASE... FORGIVE ME...

P...

AAH...

"15",

VS

"36"

CLACK

THE WINNER IS...

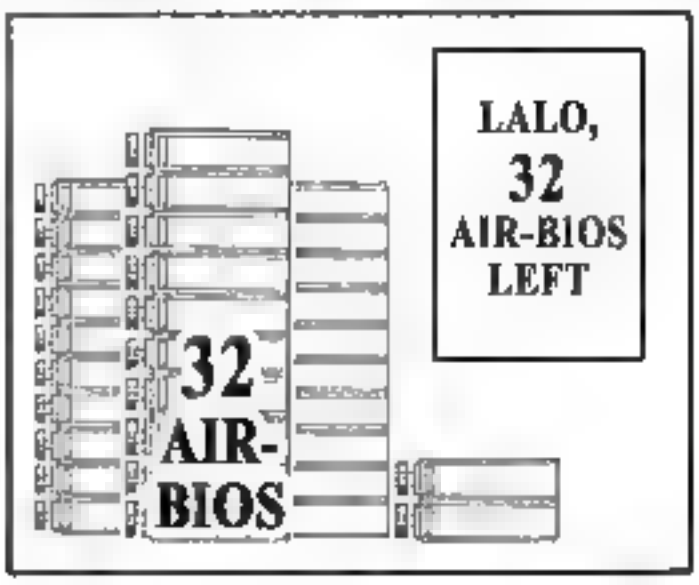
THE RESULT HAS COME OUT.

“15”...

IT'S “15” !!

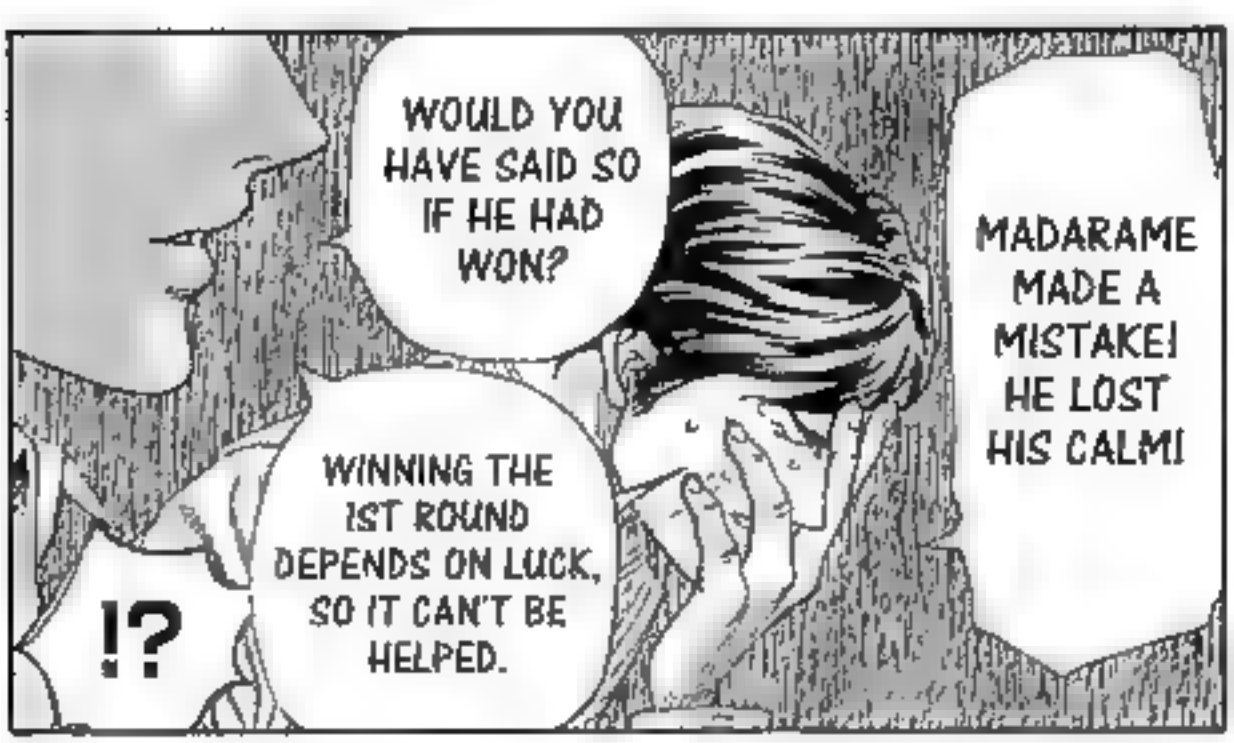
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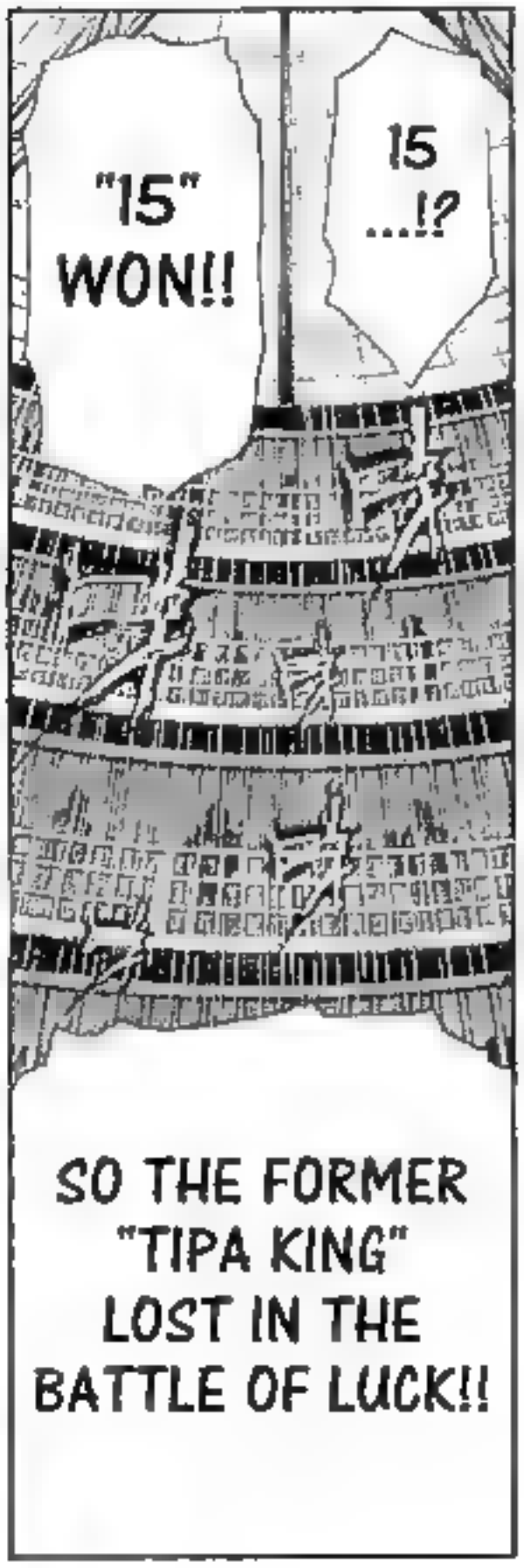



LALO,
32
AIR-BIOS
LEFT
32
AIR-
BIOS


USOGUI,
15
AIR-BIOS
LEFT
15
AIR-
BIOS


LALO'S AIR-BIOS IS TWICE THE AMOUNT OF MADARAME'S...!! IT'S... IT'S OVER...
WAI- WAIT... WHAT A BIG GAP...


WOULD YOU HAVE SAID SO IF HE HAD WON?
WINNING THE 1ST ROUND DEPENDS ON LUCK, SO IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
!?
MADARAME MADE A MISTAKE! HE LOST HIS CALM!


"15" WON!!
15 ...!?
SO THE FORMER "TIPA KING" LOST IN THE BATTLE OF LUCK!!

BAKU-SAN SET THE VALUE OF HIS LUCK AT 8 AIR-BIOS THIS TIME.

DON'T YOU THINK THAT WAS REASONABLE?

BUT HE KNOWS THAT LUCK IS IMPORTANT.

BAKU-SAN DOESN'T LIKE TO BET WITH LUCK,

YES.

WHEN HE ENTERS IT, THAT WILL MEAN THE MATCH IS OVER.

SAFE ZONE?

IT'S NOT OVER YET... LALO HASN'T ENTERED THE SAFE ZONE YET.

ALSO, RYUUSEI

LALO ALWAYS FOLDS AFTER PAYING THE ANTE FROM THE NEXT ROUND ON, WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

THE SAFE ZONE... LET'S ASSUME THAT

14 AIR-BIOS IN TOTAL

JUST PAYING THE ANTES WILL COST HIM 14 AIR-BIOS.

THE ANTE OF THE 5TH ROUND = 5 AIR-BIOS

THE ANTE OF THE 4TH ROUND + 4 AIR-BIOS

THE ANTE OF THE 3RD ROUND + 3 AIR-BIOS

THE ANTE OF THE 2ND ROUND + 2 AIR-BIOS

USOGUI

15 AIR-BIOS

BE TAKEN BY BAKU-SAN.

14 AIR-BIOS

14 AIR-BIOS WILL

LALO

32 AIR-BIOS

IN OTHER WORDS,

USOGUI

29 AIR-BIOS

THE TABLES WILL BE TURNED.

IN THAT CASE,

LALO

18 AIR-BIOS

THE GAP RIGHT NOW ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR LALO TO ENTER THE SAFE ZONE.

MEANING,

...

MAKES THIS GAME DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO ESCAPE.

THE ANTE WHICH INCREASES AFTER EACH ROUND

THERE'S A LIMIT.

BUT OF COURSE,

EVEN IF YOU GIVE UP ALL THE ANTES, YOU STILL HAVE MORE AIR-BIOS THAN YOUR OPPONENT.

BEING INSIDE OF THE SAFE ZONE MEANS

INSTEAD OF 8?

WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPEN IF BAKU-SAN HAD LOST 14 AIR-BIOS

AND BAKU-SAN WOULD HAVE HAD ONLY 9 AIR-BIOS LEFT.

USOGUI

9 AIR-BIOS

LALO

38 AIR-BIOS

LALO'S AIR BIOS WOULD HAVE INCREASED TO 38.

LALO'S AIR-BIOS WILL STILL BE MORE THAN BAKU-SAN'S.

USOGUI

23 AIR-BIOS

LALO

24 AIR-BIOS

EVEN IF BAKU-SAN GETS ALL THE ANTES, 14 AIR-BIOS,

DIE FIRST.

LALO WILL BE ABLE TO ESCAPE WITH THE GAP OF 1 AIR-BIOS... BAKU SAN WOULD...

"LOSING 14 AIR-BIOS"

IS THE LIMIT

OF THIS ROUND!!

IT'S THE BORDER-LINE!!

IF BAKU-SAN HAD RAISED THE BET TO THE LIMIT AGAIN...

NO, EVEN IF HE HAD RAISED ONLY 1 AIR-BIOS,

BY THAT BORDERLINE.

HE MAY HAVE BEEN SLICED IN HALF

LALO WAS TAUNTING HIM: "DO YOU DARE TO STEP THROUGH IT?"

BAKU-SAN STOPPED.

AND IT WORKED!!

BAKU-SAN DODGED MISFORTUNE AT THE VERY LAST MOMENT!

PANOPTICON, MONITORING ROOM

NO WAY AROUND IT...

.....

I'LL ADD 10 SP TO VINCENT LALO.

THE SP COUNTING IS DONE.

NOW, LET'S START IT.

IT'S OKAY.

IS IT OKAY?

10 SP, HUH... IT'S 11 SP NOW.

THE 2ND ROUND OF STRAY-ING.

NOW,

THE 2ND ROUND WILL START.

CHAPTER 434

THE STRAYING RESOLUTION

THE ANTE OF 2 AIR-BIOS.

PLEASE PAY

25 45 26 39

PLEASE CHOOSE

THE CARD YOU WILL USE FOR THE 2ND ROUND.

AND THE SMALLEST IS...

THE BIGGEST CARD I'VE SEEN IS THE "45" IN MY HAND.

THE "15" LALO PLAYED IN THE 1ST ROUND...

13 AIR-BIOS LEFT

AND THAT "15"

DEFEATED MY "36"...

44

47

63

8

30
AIR-BIOS
LEFT

USOGUI PLAYED A "36" IN THE IST ROUND...

DOES HE HAVE ANY CARDS WHICH ARE BIGGER OR SMALLER THAN MY "63" AND "8"?

ARE BOTH IN MY HAND, "63" AND "8".

THE BIGGEST AND THE SMALLEST NUMBERS I'VE SEEN

WILL GIVE THEM DIFFERENT HINTS ABOUT THE LAW.

THE CARDS IN LALO'S HANDS ARE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS IN TERMS OF HINTS... HE HAS THE ADVANTAGE.

EACH OF THEM DREW 5 CARDS ON THEIR OWN.

EACH OF THE DIFFERENT NUMBERS PRINTED ON THOSE CARDS

HOWEVER, IT'S NOT SIMPLY COMPETING WITH THE HIGHER NUMBER THE TENS DIGIT AND THE ONES DIGIT.

INDIAN POKER.

THOSE NUMBERS ARE PROBABLY THE REFEREES' NUMBERS THE STRONGER ONE WINS...?

!

!

I'M ALMOST DONE RESOLVING IT. THE SAME GOES FOR YOU, RIGHT? REFEREE DOUJI?

DID YOU FIND OUT ANYTHING, REFEREE MIDARA?

I DON'T GET IT~

IT'S PRIME NUMBERS !!

THE LOWER ONE WINS.

RIGHT ?

IT'S STOCKS !

!

THE ONE CLOSER TO 9 WINS!

AH!

I SEE, YOU CAN ALSO DO THAT...

ADD THE OPPONENT'S NUMBER AND THEN DIVIDE IT BY 2!

IT'S FACTORI-ZATION!

FOR THEM TO FIGURE OUT THE WHOLE PICTURE,

WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE LATTER HALF OF THIS MATCH.

SHOULD YOU SOLVE THE LAW OF THE NUMBERS TO TURN THE PAIN INTO YOUR ADVANTAGE,

THE HINTS WILL INCREASE AS THE GAME GOES ON.

OR JUST RELY ON LUCK?

BUT THE OXYGEN YOU CAN ALLOCATE FOR THINKING IS LIMITED.

THE CARDS

HAVE BEEN CHOSEN.

KAJI,

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I... I CAN'T.

I CAN'T COME UP WITH ANYTHING.

SOME... SOMEHOW...

NOW,

PLEASE SHOW YOUR CARDS.

I THINK I CAN SEE TRACES...

BUT I ALSO FEEL AS IF I'VE MISSED SOMETHING VERY BASIC...

STRAYING,

TRIAL AND ERROR,

TRYING YOUR SPECULATION WITHIN THESE LIMITED ROUNDS .....

YOU CAN SAY THIS ROUND IS...

SPECULAT-ING...

39

THE 2ND ROUND OF SIRAYING.

SMALLER THAN "15"... HE USED A SMALL NUMBER AGAIN.

"8"!!

...

...

"8".

VS

"39"

LIKE I SAID,

THE SMALLER ONE WILL WIN AGAIN!!

"8"?

THE LAW WON'T BE THAT SIMPLE... AND THE "RESULT" HASN'T COME OUT YET...

LALO

STARTED BREATHING THE 2ND AIR-BIOS

29 AIR-BIOS LEFT

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM!

THAT... THAT GUY MUST NOT BE THINKING ANYTHING AT ALL!

HE FINALLY CHANGED HIS AIR!?

UNLIKE US, YOUR OXYGEN IS LIMITED... DON'T RUSH... THINK SLOWLY.

HE'S BREATHING SO HEAVILY! DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD!

THE SMALLEST NUMBER IS "8"...

THE SUM OF ALL THE NUMBERS I KNOW RIGHT NOW IS... NO, IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE 10 CARDS

IMPORTANT JUST NOW...

THEY DID SOMETHING...

IT SEEMS THAT...

COULD BE COUNTED AS OBSTRUCTING THE GAME.

ALSO, CHANGING THE AIR-BIOS TOO SLOWLY OR TOO FREQUENTLY

IT'S YOUR TURN TO BET, BAKU-SAMA.

CHECK DON'T BET

BET BET

FOLD QUIT

THAT... THAT "LAW",

I BELIEVE MADARAME WILL RESOLVE IT FIRST!

ALTHOUGH I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE GAME,

IS MADARAME GOING TO DO IT...?

SINCE IT'S MADARAME... HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESOLVE IT.

NO, I CAN'T

COME UP WITH ANYTHING MORE.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

THEN HE SHOULD FOLD IF MADARAME BETS... NO, THEY SHOULD JUST PAY THE ANTE AND CHECK THE RESULT...

BUT WAIT, LALO HASN'T RESOLVED THE LAW, RIGHT?

EVEN IF I CHECK,

HE'LL STILL BET.

THAT GUY

WON'T FOLD FOR SURE.

16 AIR-BIOS

HE'LL STILL HAVE ENOUGH AIR-BIOS LEFT.

15 AIR-BIOS

31 AIR-BIOS

EVEN IF HE FOLLOWS MY ALL-IN,

HE WILL BE ABLE TO

WITHOUT RISKING HIS LIFE,

IN OTHER WORDS, IN THIS SECOND ROUND,

BET MY LIFE ALONE.

FORCE ME TO

IT'S HARD TO STEP FORWARD!

IF HE HAS NO BASIS OF THAT "39"

LALO

WILL STILL TRY TO KILL BAKU SAN EVEN IF HE HASN'T RESOLVED THE LAW!!

BUT BAKU-SAN...

LALO WILL CALL

CALL

LALO

BET 1

USOGUI

BECAUSE EVEN IF HE ONLY BETS 1 AIR-BIOS,

IN THAT CASE, BAKU SAN WILL HAVE TO BET OVER 4 AIR BIOS.

RAISE

AND HE'LL BE ABLE TO RAISE 3 AIR-BIOS TO THE LIMIT!

AND RAISE!!

HE SHOULD FOLD IN THIS ROUND

THEN HE SHOULD FOCUS ON RESOLVING THE LAW...

AND FIND A WAY OUT IN THE 3RD ROUND...

11 AIR-BIOS

A GAP OF 24 AIR-BIOS

35 AIR-BIOS

THE GAP BETWEEN THEM WILL EXCEED "24 AIR-BIOS"!!

LALO WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER THE "SAFE ZONE"!

MEANS THAT...

BUT BETTING OVER 4 AIR-BIOS...

YES.

IF THE CARD HE PICKS IN THE 3RD ROUND LOSES TO LALO, HE'S STILL GONNA LOSE!

EVEN IF HE RESOLVES THE LAW AFTERWARDS,

BUT WAIT... HE CAN'T!

THIS IS A GAMBLE.

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!? TWO PLAYERS COMPETING WITH A SET OF 5 CARDS IS HOW POKER SHOULD BE PLAYED, RIGHT!?

HE DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH AIR-BIOS TO FOLD TWICE...

THE BORDER-LINE?

WHEN SHOULD HE CROSS

OR THE NEXT ROUND?

IS IT THIS ROUND ...

THE 2ND ROUND OR THE 3RD ROUND.

I HAVE 2 CHOICES.

WHICH ROUND SHOULD I BET ON!?

OUT OF EVERYONE HERE, I'M THE FIRST ONE

PROBA-BLY,

TO FIGURE IT OUT.

I GOT IT.

I GOT IT.

BAKU-SAN,

BET 2
AIR-BIOS.

YOU
WILL
WIN

THIS
ROUND.



CHAPTER 435
DRYING UP

BET TO THE LIMIT, 2 AIR-BIOS

HE... HE BET!

ACROSS THE LINE.

HE STEPPED

HE COMP-LETELY STEPPED ACROSS THE LINE!!

MADARAME BAKU

25

26

45

39

~~36~~ Lose

VS

VINCENT LALO

44

47

63

8

15 Win

HE'S BREATHING SO HEAVILY...

HE'S THINKING REALLY HARD RIGHT NOW!!

WAS HE SURPRISED BY THAT SUDDEN BET? HE'S NOT CALM ANY-MORE...

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ポッ...

PLEASE STEP BACK.

KAJI-SAMA.

!

H-HEY!

LOOK!!

RYUUSEI, THANK YOU.

?

HE'S STILL WAITING "TO CHECK THE ANSWER"

IT'D BE AN ASSUMPTION AT MOST.

NO, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

HAS HE RESOLVED THE LAW ALREADY?

I'VE BEEN CONSUMING TOO MUCH OXYGEN... BE CAREFUL...

IT SEEMS LIKE...

TOO MUCH.

CONSUMP-TION...

IT'S YOUR TURN TO THINK NOW... YOU, TOO,

HAVING ALL THAT SPIRIT UP UNTIL NOW, DID YOU BECOME GREEDY BECAUSE YOU HAPPENED TO WIN THE 1ST ROUND?

WON'T FOLD JUST LIKE THAT!!

OR LUCK?

THEN, DID HE BET ON AN ASSUMPTION WHICH IS VERY CLOSE TO THE ANSWER?

DID HE SIMPLY BET ON LUCK?

...

WAIT...

LALO-SAMA,

THE BET TIME IS ABOUT TO END.

6

7

8

9

10

I'LL START THE COUNT-DOWN.

2

3

4

5

CALL, 2 AIR-BIOS

CALL.

!!

RAISE,
1 AIR-BIOS

1
AIR-BIOS.

RAISE,

26
AIR-BIOS
LEFT

!!

CALL.

HE
RAISED...

CALL,
1 AIR-BIOS

ONLY 1
AIR-
BIOS.

RAISE.

RAISE TO THE LIMIT, 5 AIR-BIOS

5 AIR-BIOS LEFT

IT'S OKAY.

AT THE POINT WHEN HE BET OVER 4 AIR-BIOS, IT WILL BE OVER IF HE LOSES ANYWAY.

BAKU-SAN WANTS TO PUSH IT TO THE LIMIT!!

WHA- WHAT IS MADARAME DOING!?

IT'S ALRIGHT, IN THIS 2ND ROUND,

BESIDES,

IS... IS HE CRAZY!?

HE'LL WIN.

IS HE THAT SMART...?

KAJI... TAKAOMI...

DID HE RESOLVE THE LAW BEFORE US?

CALL.

CALL, 5 AIR-BIOS

2

3

4

5

HE'S OBVI-OUSLY DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE.

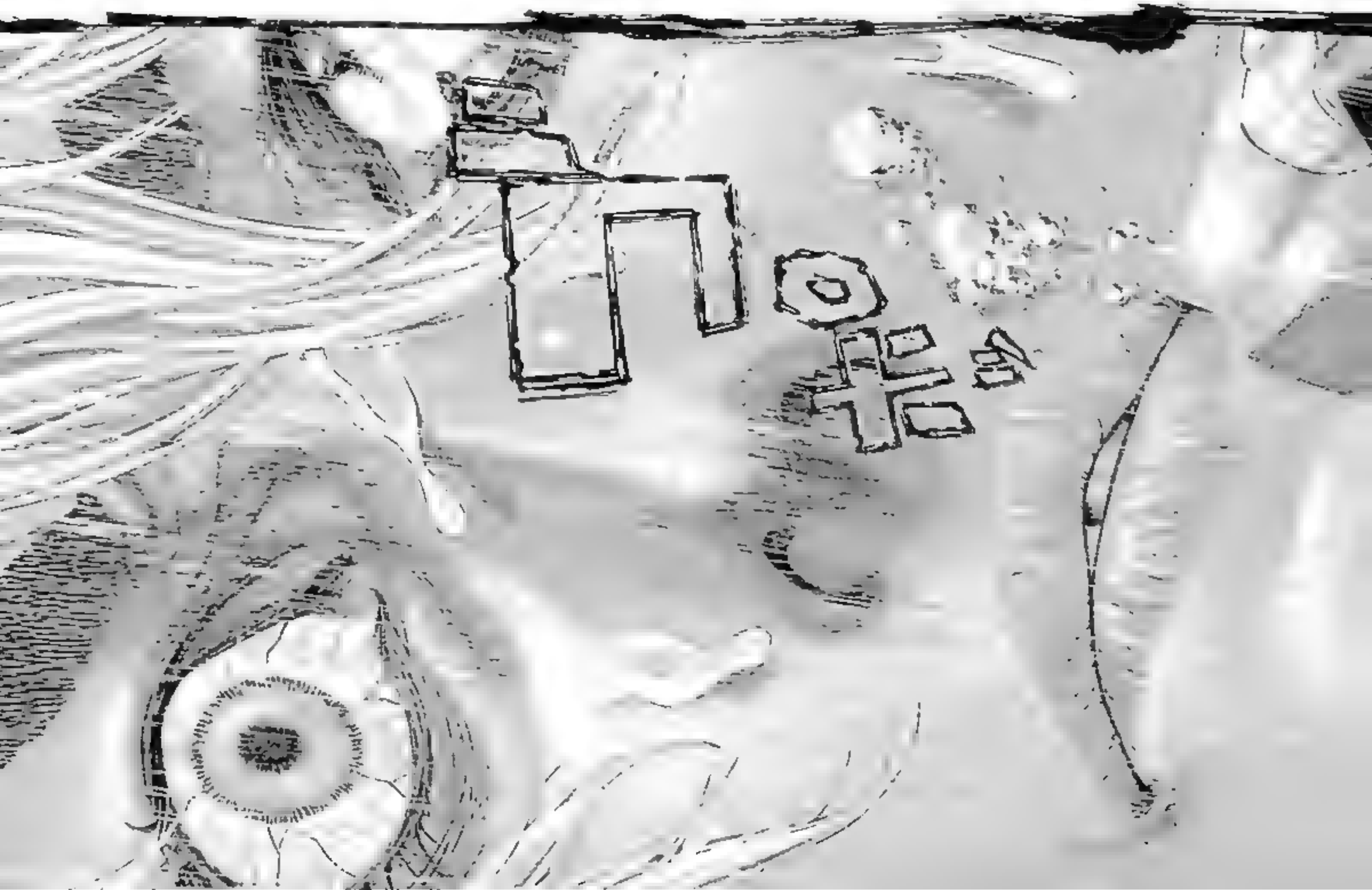
AFTER THINK-ING FOR A LONG TIME,

HE STILL COULDN'T RAISE TOO MUCH... HE'S HESITATING AND CAN'T MAKE HIS DECISIONS...

RAISE.

RAISE, 1 AIR-BIOS

20 AIR-BIOS LEFT



!!

SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT... HE'S NOT BREATHING HIS AIR-BIOS!!

WHAT'S WRONG, MADARAME !?

HEY!

THE... THE AIR...

HAS BEEN EMPTY!!

THE AIR-BIOS

CALL

THINK-ING FOR SO LONG...

THAT... THAT GUY...

AND RAISING ONLY 1 AIR-BIOS, ARE BOTH TO...

I SEE... HE DID IT ON PURPOSE...

BAKU-SAN HAS BET ON THIS ROUND... HE'LL PUSH IT TO THE LIMIT...

HE'LL WANT TO BET AS MUCH AS HE CAN.

HURRY AND CHANGE YOUR AIR-BIOS, MADARAME!

4 AIR-BIOS LEFT

THAT GUY...

ANYWAY, GET A NEW ONE TO BREATHE WITH AND USE THE REMAINING 3 AIR-BIOS TO RAISE THE BET...

WHY DIDN'T HE NOTICE IT BEFORE HE RAN OUT OF OXYGEN...!?

IRRITATES ME...

UNFORGIVABLE...

BAKU-SAN,

NO...

DON'T BET THAT!!

IT HASN'T BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE HE MET BAKU-SAN... BUT HE HAS ALREADY ...



RAISE

RAISE
+
AIR-BIOS

0
AIR-BIOS
LEFT

THE BOTTOMLINE
HAS BEEN LEFT
FAR BEHIND.

BAKU-SAN'S
PERSONALITY...

THAT GUY

COMPLETELY
SAW THROUGH

ALL HIS AIR-BIOS!!

HE BET...

HE CAN'T BREATHE ANYMORE... IT'S JUST THE 2ND ROUND, AND IT'S ALREADY

0 AIR-BIOS LEFT!

DRIED UP.

HE

BET ALL HIS AIR-BIOS!?

0 AIR-BIOS LEFT!

INCLUDING THE AIR-BIOS HE NEEDS TO BREATHE!!

THIS...

THIS IS IT!!

CHAPTER 436

DURING THE ASPHYXIA

DROWNING TOGETHER

WITH "39":

CHAPTER #16

DURING THE ASPHYXIA

WILL YOU CALL, OR FOLD, DECIDE IT ALREADY!!

NOT YET!?

...

HURRY...

HUR-

HE'S

TAKING HIS TIME THINKING AGAIN...!?

LALO WANTS TO KILL BAKU-SAN HERE.

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT "39" DOES.

STOP BUYING TIME, LALO!!

ARE YOU EVEN A KAISER!?

THIS IS NOT OKAY!

RIGHT!!

IS HE GOING TO WAIT FOR 30 SECONDS!?

DUEL WITH CARDS, OKAY!?

HURRY UP, LALO!!

YEAH!

!

17 SECONDS

LEFT.

SO... SO LONG ...

THE CONSUMPTION OF THE OXYGEN WILL BE INCREASED

AND EXTREMELY NERVOUS... SIMPLY WITH THAT.

BEING STRESSED,

CAN USOGUI MAKE IT?

CALMLY COUNT IT DOWN

CALM DOWN.

19

20

18

17

15

16

14

13

FROM NOW ON,

BAKU-SAN HAS TO GET THROUGH 30 SECONDS WITHOUT BREATHING!!

THIS HAS BEEN LALO'S OBJECTIVE ALL ALONG.

THINKING UNTIL THE TIME IS UP AND RAISING ONLY 1 AIR-BIOS...

WASTE THE AIR-BIOS THAT BAKU-SAN WAS BREATHING.

WERE BOTH TO

STILL DIDN'T CHANGE AIR BIOS.

EVEN SO, BAKU-SAN...

NOT ONLY FROM BEING STRESSED AND NERVOUS,

LOSING BODY TEMPERATURE ALSO INCREASES THE CONSUMPTION OF OXYGEN.

HE'S WEAKER THAN WE THOUGHT.

GU...

OF ALL HIS THINKING UP UNTIL NOW...

PLUS THE AFTER EFFECTS

IT FEELS LIKE AN ETERNITY...

HEY...

H-

HE'S GOING TO DROWN!!

HURRY UP!!

STOP IT ALREADY!

I DON'T WANT TO SEE THIS!

JUST FOLD!

WHAT A COWARD!

LALO... WHAT KIND OF FACE IS HE..

YEAH, FOLD ALREADY!!



KA

COULD HE BE...

OR IS HE JUST BETTING ON LUCK...? I HAVE TO CONSIDER WHAT I SHOULD DO IF HE SURVIVES THESE 30 SECONDS...

CONFIDENT OF HIS "39"?

IS USOGUI

12

13

14

15

THINKING THAT I'LL FOLD IF HE RAISES THE BET SO HIGH?

THAT COULD BE THE CASE.

TOOK TENS OF SECONDS.

THE TIME AFTER THE BET WAS DONE UNTIL THE RESULT CAME OUT

I REMEMBER IN THE 1ST ROUND,

SO EVEN IF "39" WINS,

THERE STILL AWAITS MORE THAN 20 SECONDS DURING WHICH YOU CAN'T BREATHE.

CHANGING THE AIR TANK TAKES TIME TOO.

ALSO,

AND TAKING THE "LAW" INTO CONSIDERATION, NOT FOLDING IS MORE SENSIBLE.

IF I FOLD, I'LL REDUCE THE TIME IN WHICH HE ISN'T ABLE TO BREATHE.

4

5

CALL.

CALL,
4 AIR-BIOS

!

EACH PLAYER HAS BET A TOTAL OF 15 AIR-BIOS.

THE BET HAS BEEN SET.

IT'S OKAY!!

HE'LL MAKE IT!!

FINALLY !!

HE STILL WENT FOR THE BET, AS I THOUGHT.

HOW-EVER,

AFTER ALL, THE TABLES WILL BE COMPLETELY TURNED IF HE LOSES THIS ROUND.

I KNOW LALO IS BEING VERY CAREFUL NOW.

WILL WIN.

I THINK BAKU-SAN'S NUMBER

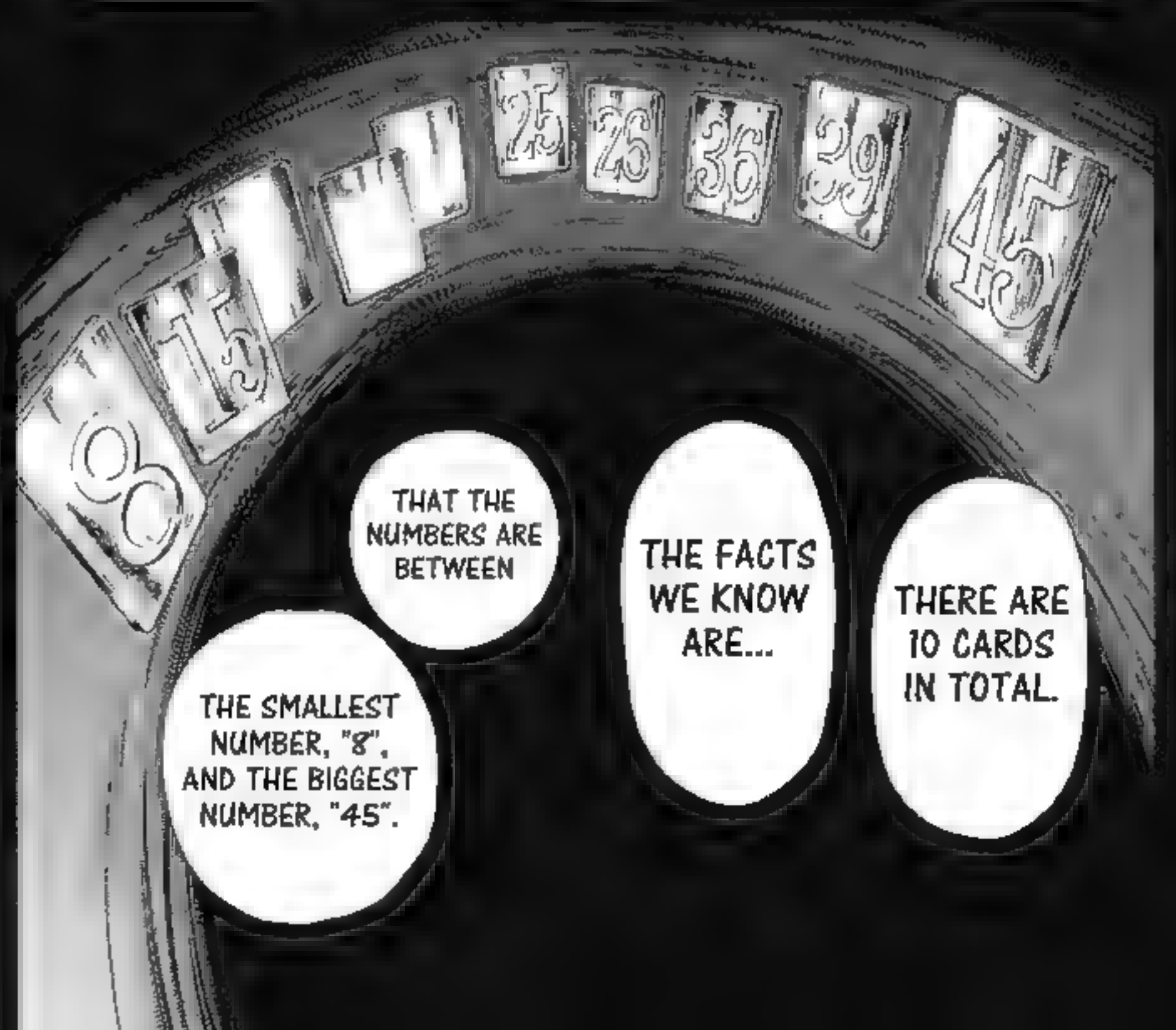
MATCH UP THE FACTS WITH YOUR IMAGINATION.

GET RID OF THE ERRORS AND KEEP THE TRUTH.

THE HINTS ARE SPREAD OUT EVERYWHERE.

COMPARED TO KNOWLEDGE,

IMAGINATION IS MORE IMPORTANT.



THAT THE NUMBERS ARE BETWEEN

THE SMALLEST NUMBER, "8", AND THE BIGGEST NUMBER, "45".

THE FACTS WE KNOW ARE...

THERE ARE 10 CARDS IN TOTAL.

25+26+36+39+45

AND IF I ADD UP THE NUMBERS IN MY HAND,

I WILL GET THIS NUMBER.

171

IT IS

VERY CLOSE TO "182", WHICH IS HALF OF THE SUM OF A DECK, "364".

FROM NOW ON, IT DEPENDS ON IMAGINATION.

I THINK THERE'S A "THING"

WHICH IS CLOSELY LINKED TO DETERMINING THE ANSWER.

THAT IS...

THAT IS,

WHY THERE ARE 5 ROUNDS...

RIGHT?

YES... ACCORDING TO THE REFEREE,

THIS GAME ONLY HAS 5 ROUNDS. IT MIGHT END BEFORE THE 5TH ROUND.

WHY WILL IT STOP AT THE 5TH ROUND...?

NO,

ON THE CONTRARY, MAYBE THIS GAME WILL BE INVALID IF IT GOES FOR MORE THAN 5 ROUNDS...?

I SHOULD WAIT AND SEE THE 2ND ROUND'S RESULT FIRST.. THAT WAS WHAT I WAS THINKING.

THE GAME HAS JUST BEGUN.

THAT'S ALL I GOT.

AND?

ALTHOUGH I DID FEEL THAT I MISSED SOMETHING BASIC.

I COULD ONLY COME UP WITH THAT MUCH.

WHILE BREATHING UNLIMITED OXYGEN.

BUT,

TWO PLAYERS COMPETING WITH A SET OF 5 CARDS IS HOW POKER SHOULD BE PLAYED, RIGHT!?

COMPETING...

A SET OF 5 CARDS...

"POKER".

THIS GAME IS

THAT IS WHAT I MISSED.

THE SUM OF THE 5 CARDS,

THE RANGE OF ALL THE NUMBERS WE'VE LEARNED.

THE REASON FOR THIS GAME BEING 5 ROUNDS,

THERE IS "AN IDEA" THAT MATCHES PERFECTLY TO ALL THE FACTS WE KNOW RIGHT NOW.

THE MEANING

15

OF THESE 36 NUMBERS IS

POKER HANDS.

THEY ARE THE SUM OF

THEY REPRESENT POKER HANDS

THE 5 NUMBERS IN A POKER HAND.

FROM ONE DECK.

CHAPTER 437
"39" OR "8"



15

THE NUMBER PRINTED ON THE METAL CARDS

IS THE "SUM" OF A POKER HAND

FROM ONE DECK.

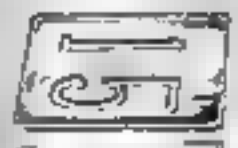
STRAIGHT FLUSH

1+2+3+4+5
=15

IS ACTUALLY BETWEEN POKER HAND VERSUS POKER HAND...

IN OTHER WORDS, THIS BATTLE BETWEEN MYSTERIOUS NUMBERS,

MEANS TO





"THROUGH A VERY SPECIFIC MANNER"

15

=

A + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5

A + A + A + A + J

2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 7

A + A + A + 6 + 6

4 + 4 + 4 + A + 2

"CREATE A POKER HAND WITH A SUM THAT MATCHES THE CARD'S 'NUMBER'",

AFTER BOTH SIDES SHOW THEIR CARDS.

36

=

8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 4

7 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 8

6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + Q

10 + 10 + 10 + 3 + 3

8 + 8 + 8 + 6 + 6

THE FACTS WE KNOW RIGHT NOW ARE:

THE SUM OF BOTH SIDES' CARDS,

AND THE RANGE OF ALL THE CARDS,

NEITHER OF WHICH CAN DENY THIS ASSUMPTION.

ALL THE NUMBERS WE'VE LEARNED AMONG THE 10 CARDS,

IF WE ADD UP

IT'S STILL WITHIN "364",

WHICH IS THE SUM OF A STANDARD DECK WITH 52 PLAYING CARDS.



"45".

TO

"8"

ALSO, THE RANGE OF THE NUMBERS IS FROM

THEN THIS ASSUMPTION IS WRONG.

THERE'S A CARD THAT'S SMALLER THAN "6" OR BIGGER THAN "64".

IF

YES.

$6 = \boxed{A} + \boxed{A} + \boxed{A} + \boxed{A} + \boxed{2}$

AND THE SUM OF THAT IS "6".

IS THE FOUR-OF-A-KIND MADE OF FOUR "ACES" AND A "2".

THE POKER HAND THAT HAS THE SMALLEST SUM,

THERE'S NO POKER HAND WITH A SUM BIGGER OR SMALLER THAN THESE TWO.

"64".

AND THE BIGGEST ONE,

$64 = \boxed{K} + \boxed{K} + \boxed{K} + \boxed{K} + \boxed{Q}$

IS THE FOUR-OF-A-KIND MADE OF FOUR "KINGS" AND A "QUEEN"

AND,

THIS ASSUMPTION CAN PERFECTLY ANSWER THE QUESTION OF WHY THIS GAME IS "5 ROUNDS".

EACH METAL CARD OF THIS GAME USES 5 CARDS FROM THE DECK.

15

A
2
3
4
5

IN OTHER WORDS, 10 CARDS WILL BE USED UP EACH ROUND.

52.

52

THE NUMBER OF CARDS IN ONE DECK IS

THAT IS

THE REASON WHY THERE CAN ONLY BE 5 ROUNDS IN THIS GAME...

5 ROUNDS WILL USE UP 50 CARDS... WHICH MEANS THERE WON'T BE ENOUGH CARDS FOR A 6TH ROUND.

DON'T WORRY,

THIS GAME IS POKER FOR SURE.

IT'S JUST AN ASSUMP-TION.

HOW-EVER,

INDEED.

BUT, BAKU-SAN,

THERE'S NO INFORMATION THAT CAN DENY THIS ASSUMPTION EITHER... THAT'S WHY YOU BET ON IT...

WILL I

WIN...?


“39”
VS
“8”

8

39

THE RESULT HAS COME OUT!!

"39"... WILL WIN.

IT'LL WIN...

WIN THE 1ST ROUND?

WHY DID LALO'S "15"

VS

A 2 3 4 5

STRAIGHT FLUSH

A A A A J

FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF ACES

15

2 2 2 2 7

FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF 2S

A A A 6 6

FULL HOUSE OF ACES

A POKER HAND WITH A SUM OF "15",

8 8 8 8 4

FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF 8S

7 7 7 7 8

FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF 7S

36

6 6 6 Q

KIND OF 6S

10 10 10 3 3

FULL HOUSE OF 10S

BUT WE DONT KNOW WHAT POKER HANDS THEY ARE

8 6 6

USE OF 8S

6 6 6 9 9

FULL HOUSE OF 6S

COMPETED AGAINST A POKER HAND WITH A SUM OF "36".

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IN OTHER WORDS, IT WILL ALWAYS BE MADE INTO THE STRONGEST POKER HAND...

BUT IF WE ASSUME THAT IT PRIORITIZES WINNING...

A + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 = 15

STRAIGHT FLUSH

LALO'S STRONGEST POKER HAND IS A STRAIGHT FLUSH.

AND BAKU-SAN'S IS A FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF 8S!!

8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 4 = 36

FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF 8S

WHAT ABOUT "39" VS "8" THIS TIME!?

THEN,

A STRAIGHT FLUSH'S RANK IS HIGHER, THAT'S WHY BAKU-SAN'S "36" LOST.

A + A + A + A + 4

FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF ACES

= 8

LALO'S STRONGEST POKER HAND IS A FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF ACES.

AND BAKU-SAN'S IS A FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF 9S,

HE WILL LOSE.

9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 3

FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF 9S

= 39

HAD ALREADY BEEN USED TO MAKE THE STRAIGHT FLUSH IN THE 1ST ROUND!

A
2
3
4
5

AN "ACE"

15

A 2 3 4 5

STRAIGHT FLUSH

A A A A J

FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF ACES

A A A 6 6

FULL HOUSE OF ACES

BUT, I THINK,

"8" CANNOT BE MADE INTO A FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF ACES!!

EVEN IF IT'S NOT A STRAIGHT FLUSH, THERE'S STILL A HIGH CHANCE THAT AN "ACE" HAS BEEN USED BY SOME OTHER STRONG POKER HANDS.

IN OTHER WORDS, "8" CAN ONLY BE MADE INTO A FULL HOUSE OF 2S,

OR A THREE-OF-A KIND OF ACES AT MOST NEITHER OF THEM ARE STRONG

YES,

BAKU-SAN.

ON THE OTHER HAND, "39" CAN BE MADE INTO A FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF 9S,

OR A LOT OF OTHER POKER HANDS STRONGER THAN HIS "8".

"39"

SO, BETWEEN "39" AND "8" IN THIS ROUND, THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE THAT

WILL WIN... BAKU...SAN...

I

FEEL SO ALIVE RIGHT NOW.

AGAIN,

I BET MY LIFE...

HOW MANY TIMES... HAVE I BET MY LIFE...?

I BET IT AGAIN...

LALO

FOLLOWED BAKU-SAN'S RAISE TO THE END.

HE DEFINITELY HASN'T NOTICED THE LAW YET!!

IF YOU WIN NOW,

THE TABLES WILL BE TURNED COMPLE-TELY!

IN THIS 2ND ROUND!

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO WIN THIS MATCH

THE WINNER IS...

39!!

CHAPTER 438

WISH



THE 31ST

LEADER IS WAITING FOR YOU.

THIS WAY,

PLEASE.

YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED ALL THE CONDITIONS.

WE'LL NOW BEGIN

SURPASSING THE LEADER.

COME IN.

I NEVER THOUGHT THAT... YOU'D RESOLVE THE LAW THAT EASILY.

THE AIR POKER FROM BEFORE... WAS TRULY IMPRESSIVE.

MADARAME BAKU-SAMA.

SO... WHAT GAME DO WE PLAY?

FINALLY... HAL...

I WANT YOU TO MEET SOMEONE.

BEFORE THAT,




A GOD
FIGHTING AGAINST
A DEVIL.
WERE JUST LIKE...
YOUR FIGHTS,
COMPARED TO ME,
YOU TWO CAN BE DESCRIBED AS MONSTERS.


PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT,
BUT I REALISED...
AND,
IT IS ALSO HUMANS WHO FORCE THEM TO FIGHT ON OPPOSING SIDES.
WERE CREATED BY HUMANS.
BOTH GODS
AND DEVILS,

IT'S ALL HUMANS IN THE END...

THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR AT ALL.

KAJI TAKAOMI,

KAJI-CHAN...

KA...

I'VE DECIDED THAT, THE SURPASSING THE LEADER THIS TIME,

AND MADARAME BAKU,

WIL'L BE CARRIED OUT BY THE THREE OF US RIGHT HERE.

PER...

PERFECT...

HE'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE... DON'T DROP YOUR GUARD.

THAT SMILE OF HIS.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL, BAKU-SAMA.

...

...

BAKU-SAN...

WE HAVE LOTS OF TIME.

FORTUN-ATELY,

LET'S DECIDE IT WITH A CARD GAME.

WHO'LL BE THE ONE TO DECIDE THE GAME?

WILL THAT PLAN STILL WORK...? EVERYTHING WILL BE IN VAIN IF IT GOES WRONG...

THIS IS UNEX-PECTED.

WAIT,

WHAT ARE YOU HOLDING, BAKU-SAN?

OBSERVE YOUR OPPONENT CLOSELY...

THINK CAREFULLY, BAKU-SAMA.

YEAH...

NOW I REMEMBER IT...

!

DO YOU REMEMBER?

KAJI-CHAN,

"THIS IS IT".

THIS?

39!!

HURRY, BAKU-SAN!

HE WON!

AT THAT TIME, I HESITATED.

AND THINK... THE ANSWER WILL COME OUT IF YOU THINK CAREFULLY.

PLEASE LOOK AROUND CAREFULLY.

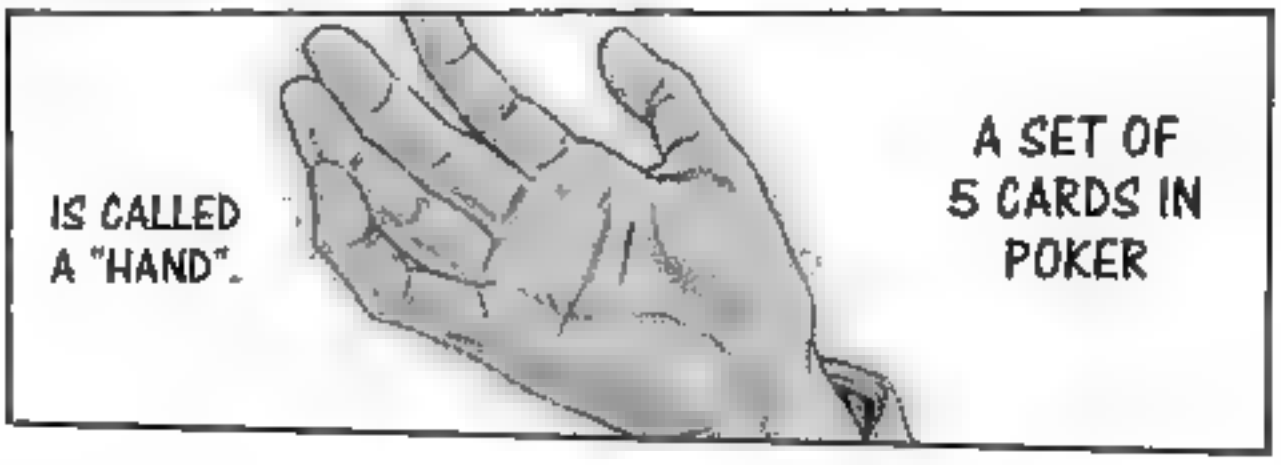
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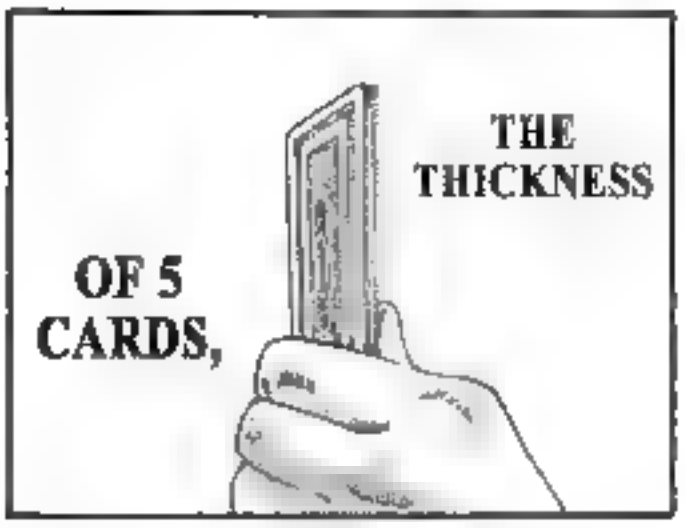
WHY IS HE GRINNING!?

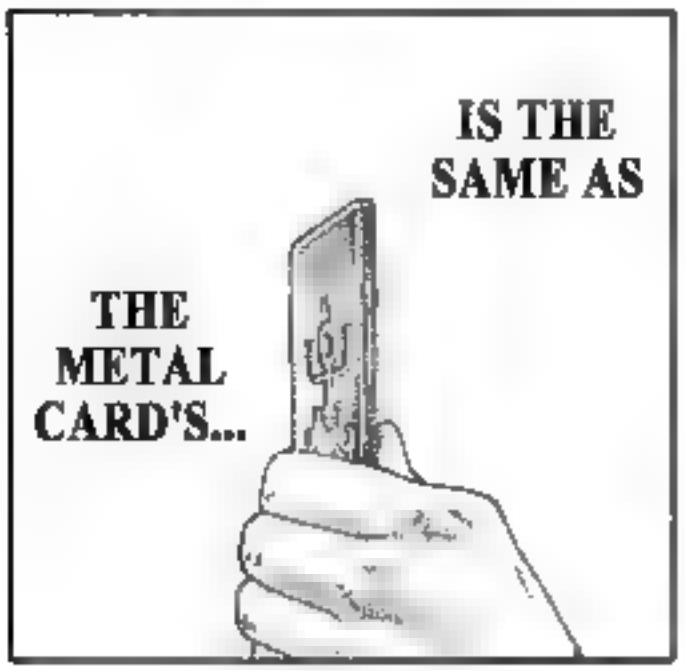
THINK !!

WHY ISN'T LEADER HERE?

嘘吐いた。







AFTER SEEING
KAJI-CHAN'S HAND,

I FIGURED OUT
THE LAW.







DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

LET'S GAMBLE.

COUNT DOWN...?

START-ING THE COUNT-DOWN.

YEAH... KAJI-CHAN.

YOUR FUTURE WOULD HAVE BEEN CHANGED IF YOU HAD BREATHED LIKE ME AT THE START OF THE MATCH.

I KNOCKED HIM OUT... AT THE LAST MOMENT.

HE WAS SO CLOSE TO REACHING THE REGULATOR.

HOW IRONIC, YOU WOULD HAVE SURVIVED IF YOU HAD BREATHED A FEW MORE TIMES.

I DON'T WANT TO WATCH THIS!

DO PEOPLE REALLY STRUGGLE LIKE THAT WHEN THEY'RE DROWNING?

HE'S DEAD!

OH MY GOD...

HE'S DROWNING! HE'S DROWNING!!

IT'S THE SAME!

HE COULDN'T MAKE IT!

MADARAME EEEEEEEEEE

...

WAAA AAAAAA AAAAAA AAAH

BAKU-SAN...

THIS IS TOO SUDDEN...

HE ALREADY... WON THE BET...

WAKE UP.

MADARAME BAKU!

USO-!!


WAKE UP
CHAPTER 330
AWAKENING

9

CHAPTER 439

AWAKENING

8

3
SECONDS.

COUNT-
LESS

SIGNALS
OF DEATH
PASSED
THROUGH
HIS BODY.

DURING
THOSE 3
SECONDS,

IT ONLY
LASTED FOR
3 SECONDS.

AND THE
CHILLING
WATER...

CYANO-
SIS.

7...
!?

THAT
WENT
INTO HIS
ANUS...

THE
SHARP
PAIN,

WITHOUT THEIR BREATHING BEING RESTARTED.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE TO RESUME THEIR OWN CONSCIOUS-NESS.

IT IS SAID THAT IF SOMEONE FAINTS BECAUSE OF A LOW OXYGEN CONTENT AND HIGH CO2 CONTENT IN HIS BLOOD.

DUE TO A LACK OF BREATHING.

HOW-EVER,

IF THERE WERE ALTERATIONS OR A SHOCK TO ONE'S MENTAL STATE, MAYBE...

IN THAT CASE, IT'S POSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE TO RESUME THEIR OWN CONSCIOUSNESS...

BUT SOME THING ELSE

IF ONE'S LOSS OF CONSCIOUS-NESS ISN'T BECAUSE OF LACK OF OXYGEN,

BUT WAKING UP FROM THAT STATE...? HOW EXACTLY...?

THIS WORLD IS FULL OF MYSTERIES... WE MUSTN'T MAKE SWEEPING STATEMENTS,

WHY DID HIS CONSCIOUS-NESS RESUME SO SUDDENLY?

REALLY POSSIBLE ...?

IS THAT KIND OF THING

RIGHT BEFORE HE FAINTED...?

FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON, AND THEN INTENTIONALLY LOST CONSCIOUSNESS

DID HE EXPECT... NO, BET ON HIMSELF BEING ABLE TO WAKE UP

COME HERE YET.

DON'T YOU

WIN, UNGOGUI!

FEARFULLY TENACIOUS!? THIS MAN IS HARD TO DEFEAT, LIKE A COCKROACH! HE'S SIMPLY TENACIOUS!

HUH?

HE... HE CAME BACK!

!?

HE REVIVED .....

BA...

WHAT A RELIEF!

HE SURVIVED! HE'S STILL ALIVE!!

HUH?

WOAH!

HE WAS ACTUALLY FLOATING UP JUST NOW!!

BAKU-SAN...

HE REFUSED TO PASS THROUGH THE SANZU RIVER!!

NOTE.

SP ISN'T RELATED TO THIS GAME.

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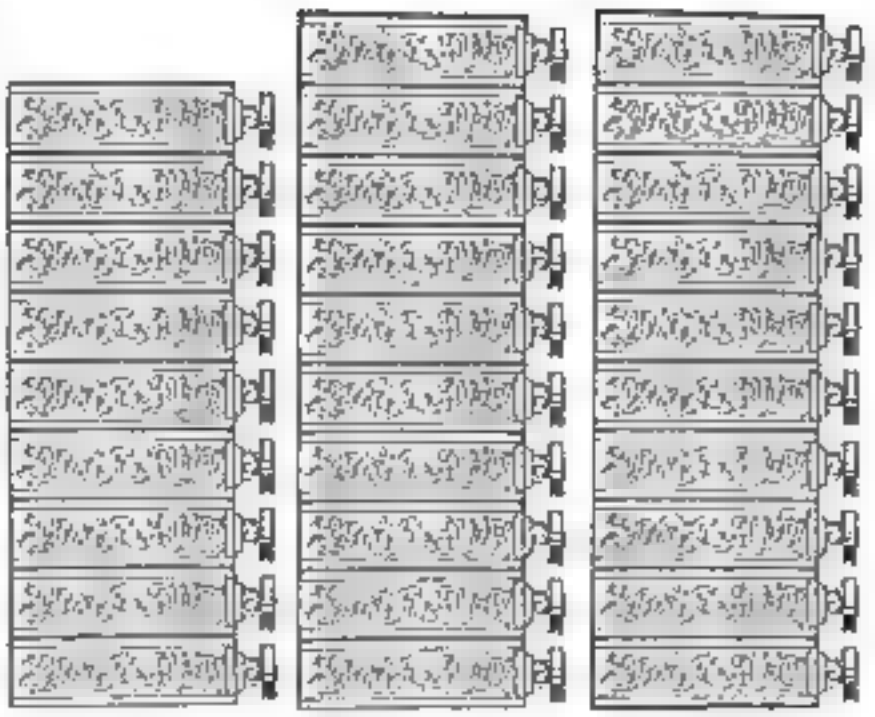
100 SP TO USOGUI!!

NOW... THE AMOUNT OF AIR BIOS, THE FLOW OF EVENTS, HAS BEEN TURNED AROUND.

USOGUI WON THE 2ND ROUND.

USOGUI

29
AIR-BIOS



VINCENT LALO

16
AIR-BIOS

THIS BATTLE BETWEEN

6

VS

64

NUMBERS AND NUMBERS

A A 6 A 2

BETWEEN POKER HANDS AND POKER HANDS.

VS

IS ACTUALLY A FIGHT

K K 6 4 K Q

39 WON!! SO THE NUMBERS ON THE CARDS

ARE REALLY THE SUM OF A POKER HAND!?

ALSO, USOGUI WENT ALL-IN ON HIS "39"...

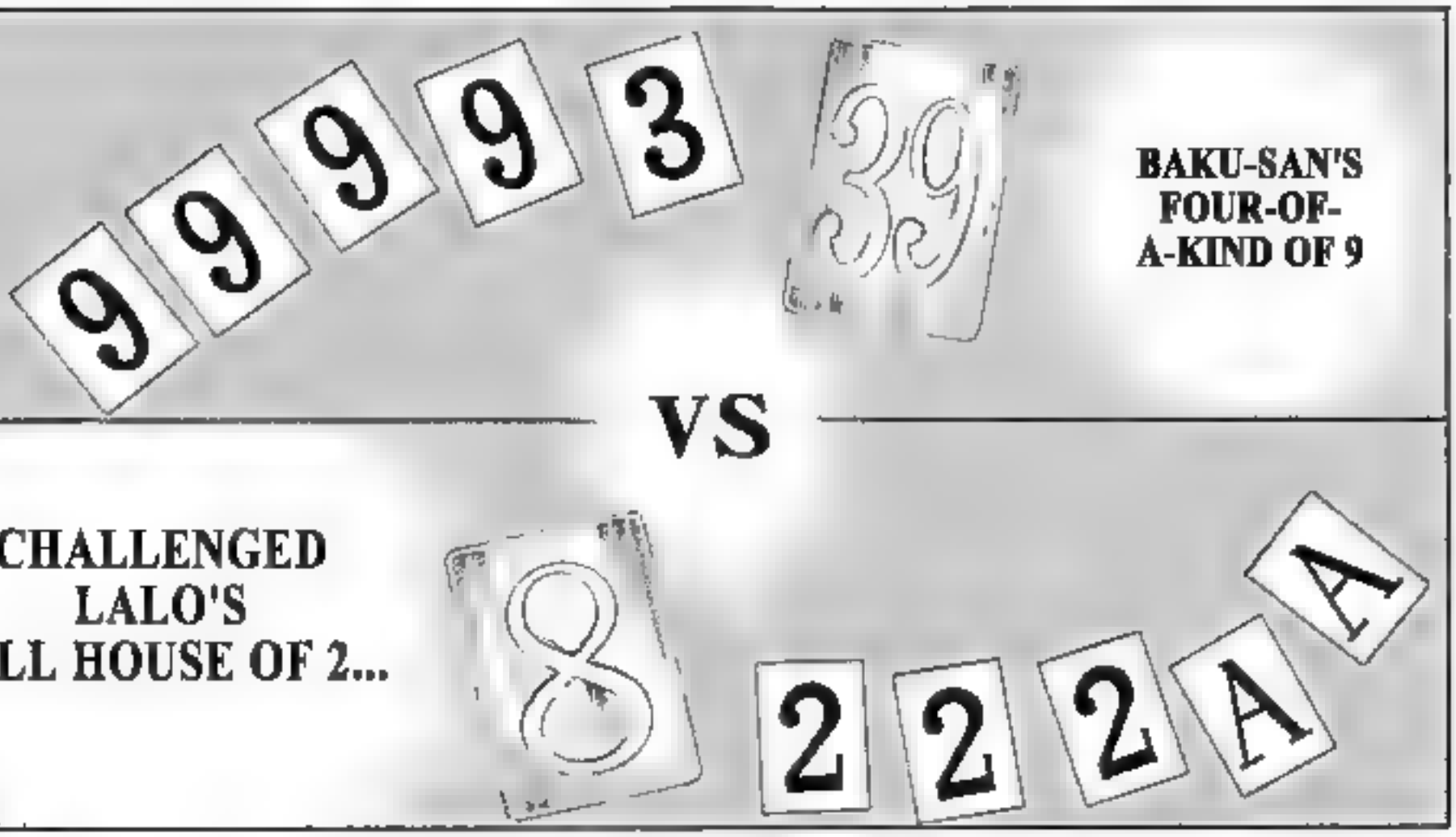
HAS HE ALREADY GRASPED THE KEY TO THE "LAW"!?

IF MY ASSUMPTION IS RIGHT,

IN THE 2ND ROUND,

HOWEVER, BOTH THE MYSTERIES AND THE PROBLEMS HAVE JUST BEGUN.

HE'S EXCEP-TIONALLY FAST...





A FULL HOUSE OF 2 AND ACE,
2+2+2+1+1

=8

A FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF 9 AND 3,
9+9+9+9+3

=39

NOW.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

THE 3RD ROUND BEGINS.

NOW.

16 AIR-BIOS

ME

13 AIR-BIOS.

29 AIR-BIOS

USOGUI

THE GAP BETWEEN ME AND USOGUI IS

WILL COST 12 AIR-BIOS IN TOTAL.

THE 5TH ROUND

JUST THE ENTRY FEES ALONE,

THE 4TH ROUND

AND FROM NOW ON,

THE 3RD ROUND

I CAN'T LOSE A SINGLE ROUND.

ALL 3 OF THEM.

I HAVE TO WIN ALL OF THE REMAINING ROUNDS.

INCLUDING THAT QUESTION,

IT'S ABOUT TIME TO MAKE THE DECISION.

BECAUSE OF THAT, I COULDN'T KILL HIM.

DIFFERENT FROM THE 1ST ROUND? THE RESULT CAME OUT RIGHT AFTER THE BET WAS SET, WHY!?

WHY WAS THE 2ND ROUND

WHY?

BUT,

TO SOLVE THE "LAW" OR NOT?

SHOULD I CONSUME MY OXYGEN

AND FINALLY PUSHED THEM-SELVES TO DEATH BECAUSE OF IT.

INTO WHAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO,

THOSE WHO PUT TOO MUCH THOUGHTS

I'VE SEEN TOO MANY OF THEM.

THINK!!
THINK!!
THINK!!
THINK!!
THINK!!
THINK!!

HIS CONSUMPTION LEVEL IS GOING CRAZY!!

WHAT...

WHAT HIGH CONSUMPTION!!

THIS IS BAD!

THINK UNTIL YOU RUN OUT OF OXYGEN!!

THINK ABOUT EVERYTHING, INCLUDING WHAT TO DO IF YOU RUN OUT OF OXYGEN!!

TOLD YOU ALREADY, RIGHT?

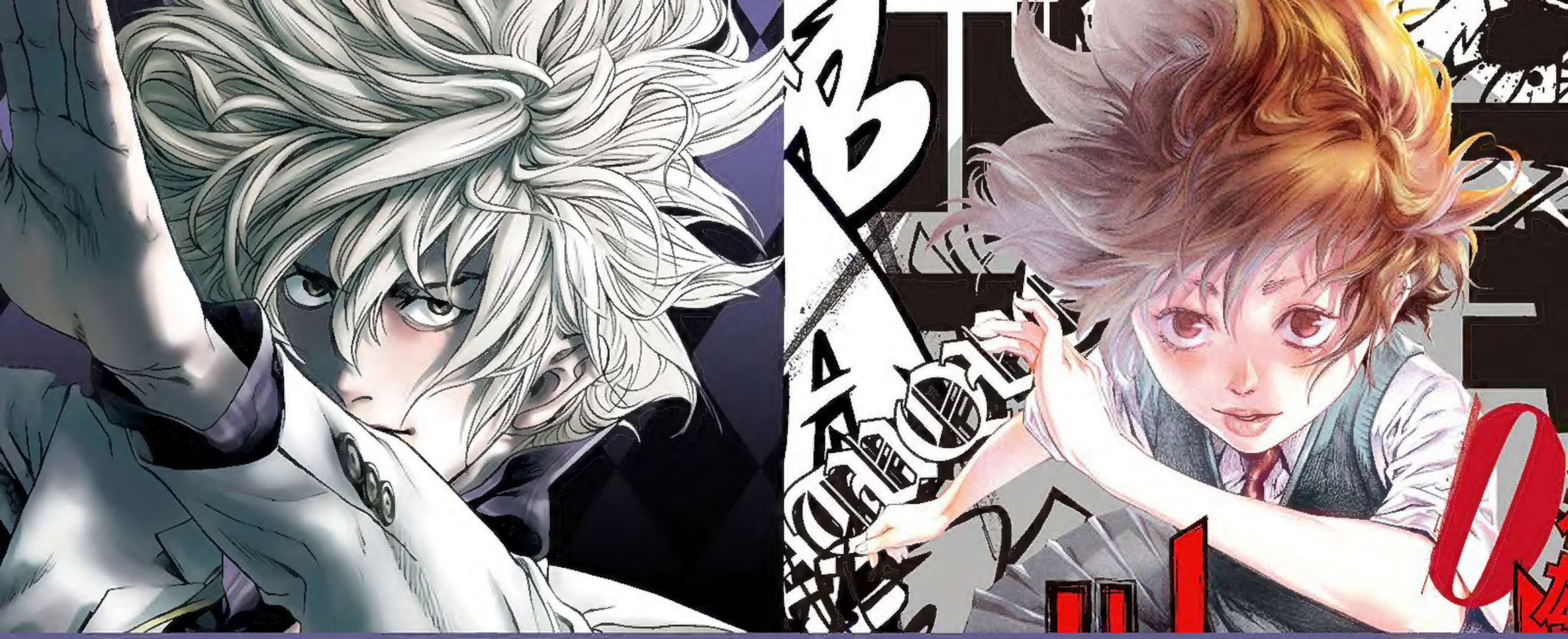
I'VE

...

IT'S STILL HELL.

EVEN IF YOU CAN RESOLVE THE "LAW",

唯吹い 完



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I STARTED GOING TO A MARTIAL ARTS GYM.

TOKORO PLUS

WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING, JUST LIKE A WORM.

LIVE SILENTLY,

COLA

I USED TO

AFTER ALL, MANGA ARTISTS DON'T EXERCISE.

I TURNED INTO A LIVING CORPSE WITHOUT ANY HUMANITY.

HAVING NOTHING BUT APPETITE,

WITH CLOUDED EYES,

AT THAT TIME,

WHOOSH

I WAS HAVING A MEETING AT A FAMILY RESTAURANT WITH MY EDITOR(MARRIED), WHO SAID HE ONCE HAD A GREAT TIME AT KARAOKE WITH A CERTAIN IDOL.

ONE DAY,

MR.S

ME

IT'S TOKORO!

IT'S TOKORO HIDEO!

THAT IS... TOKORO... HIDEO.

THE MAN WHO DEFEATED "*NOGUEIRA"

AND "*ROYCE GRACIE".

TOKORO HIDEO IS A MIXED MARTIAL ARTIST WHO'S BEEN CALLED THE "FIGHTING *FREETER".

RAMPAGING IN THE MIXED MARTIAL ARTS WORLD.

HE'S LIKE A TEMPEST

*FREETER MEANS PEOPLE WHOSE LIVELIHOOD IS PROVIDED BY PART-TIME WORK.
*ANTÔNIO RODRIGO NOGUEIRA: A BRAZILIAN MIXED MARTIAL ARTIST.
*ROYCE GRACIE: A BRAZILIAN MIXED MARTIAL ARTIST.

SIT

SUCH A MAN IS SITTING BEHIND ME RIGHT NOW...

AS A MARTIAL ARTS FAN, I REALLY WANT TO TALK WITH TOKORO HIDEO...

BUT IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE FOR ME, WHO'S NOT GOOD AT TALKING AT ALL AND CANNOT COME UP WITH ANY TOPICS?

HE'S WITH A PRETTY WOMAN... IS SHE HIS WIFE?

!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!! IT'S TOO HEAVY FOR ME, WHO'S DISCONNECTED FROM THE WORLD...

YAMADA HANAKO GOT MARRIED...!?

TOKORO

I HEARD THAT YAMADA HANAKO GOT MARRIED RECENTLY~

STRAIGHTFORWARDLY...

JUST TALK WITH HIM STRAIGHTFORWARDLY...

TRYING TO USE PETTY TRICKS WILL ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE.

HANAKO?

HA...

HUH ?

!

STOP

YOU... YOU'RE TOKORO HIDEO-SAN, RIGHT?

E-

EXCUSE ME~

TO BE CONTINUED